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▶ Bible Hill's Jared Goad is embraced by a teammate after winning gold in the floor exercise at the Canada Winter Games on Thursday night.

A Goad-en moment for Nova Scotia

▶ Province takes gold along with bronze in men's artistic gymnastics individual finals ▶ Nova Scotia's first medals of the Games and first gold since 2003

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After finishing the best floor routine of his life, Jared Goad couldn't hold back the tears.

The Bible Hill native won a gold medal in floor exercise in the men's artistic gymnastics individual event finals, breaking a week-long medal drought for Nova Scotia at the Canada Winter Games.

Goad, who has only been competing in gymnastics for two years, said he was "ecstatic."

"I'm so excited because it's the first medal for Nova Scotia this week and it's a gold," said the 17-year-old, clutching his medal tightly between his fingers at the Canada Games Centre.

Goad said he didn't know if he was winning because he doesn't watch his competitors, except for his teammates.

After the last foot touched the mat and the scores were tallied, Goad was passed a scoring sheet with his name at the very top.

He then "burst into tears."

Head coach David Kikuchi said Goad was "jittery and very out of it" during warm-up, but calmed down and pulled it together for the moment of truth.



▶ Stephen Clouter, left, and Jared Goad show off their hardware.

"Jared did the best routine of his life at the most important time and that doesn't happen very often," Kikuchi said.

Lawrencetown's Stephen Clouter nabbed Nova Scotia's second medal of the day on parallel bars, placing third with a score of 12.50.

Clouter, 14, also finished fourth in the high-bar event with a score of 12.20.

ALY THOMSON

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Expenses pre-dating 2006 sealed away in Speaker's office ● Gosse says time to move forward ● Premier defends province's transparency



▶ Speaker Gordie Gosse is seen in the legislature in this photo taken from last month.

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Jacques Lapointe said Thursday it was a "sure bet" he'd find more instances of double-dipping if he examined MLA expense claims pre-dating 2006.

But Nova Scotia's auditor general reaffirmed he'd only go back to the expense issue if he gets information indicating potential illegal behaviour.

Lapointe said he felt he'd reported enough double-dipping — the process of expensing the same item twice — to lead to changes in the expense system. But if he received tips to any potential illegal behaviour, he'd investigate it.

"For potential illegal activity? If I thought there was a very good chance that I would find something, if I had something to indicate there was something there, I think I'd feel honour-bound to do it," he said.

But Lapointe said he has no way to tell without information from the public.

Speaker Gordie Gosse said Thursday he won't open up MLA expense records from before 2006.

"Everything's been shaken to the roots and everything else about what's happened in this situation with the (auditor general)," Gosse said. "But we have to look at what we've done moving forward."

In the wake of the Lapointe's report, then-Speaker Charlie Parker initially refused to release names. That changed one week later, and expense records for 2006-09 were released to the public.

Fixed?

Premier Darrell Dexter remains steadfast in the opinion there's no need to examine MLA expenses pre-dating 2006.

- In fact, Dexter told reporters Thursday he thinks the changes made to the expense system have made the province "one of the most transparent jurisdictions in the province."
- MLAs' expenses are now posted online every month.

Live at Five host Wright dies at 82

Well-known broadcaster and Live at Five creator Dave Wright died Thursday after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 82.

Wright began his broadcasting career in 1956 with CBC. He worked as a consultant for radio stations in Ontario and Quebec until returning to broadcasting in the 1970s.

Joining ATV News in 1976, Wright worked on a number of projects, including Dave Wright's Notebook which evolved into Live at Five in 1982. He hosted that program for four years.

"This is the house that Dave built," CTV Atlantic anchor Steve Murphy said Thursday.

"Much of what Dave did was of his own creation. His style was unique, his programming choices were unique, and they were way ahead of their time."

Wright's resumé is extensive — he was in Berlin, reporting live, when the wall came down in 1989. He chronicled Canada's peacekeeping mission in Cyprus. He produced a documentary called "Ethiopia: The Maritime Connection," which led him to create a fundraising initiative called Adopt-a-Village.

"I think that he was maybe most proud ... (of) Adopt-a-Village," said Murphy, noting Wright was also very proud of his live reporting, which is commonplace now but was rare at the time.

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"He had great affection for the Maritimes. He wasn't born here but, boy, he loved the place."
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Stowaways in Halifax port?

Swedish-owned Atlantic Concert is being searched, border services say Two stowaways were found: CTV

The Canada Border Services Agency said Thursday it was searching a container ship in Halifax, but it wouldn't confirm a report that stowaways had been found on board.

Laurie Gillmore, a spokeswoman for the agency, said it was hoped that officers and detector dogs would wrap up their search of the Atlantic Concert later in the day.

"It's a huge vessel," Gillmore said."

"Lots of nooks and crannies, so we're just going through."

Origin

CTV said the ship left Liverpool, England, on Feb. 6 and spent 10 days crossing the North Atlantic to Halifax.

The Swedish-owned ACL vessel arrived in the port of Halifax on Wednesday morning.

Gillmore would not confirm a CTV report that at least two male stowaways had been found Wednesday.

She also refused to say what officers were searching for aboard the vessel.

"Our officers regularly search vessels arriving into Canada as part of our regular, daily operations," she said.

Gillmore says the vessel's captain and the container line are co-operating with the search.

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Snow. Many



▶ A woman takes a photo as about 200 people make snow angels on Garrison Grounds in Halifax on Feb. 10.

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No two snow angels alike?

It was announced Thursday that this provincewide initiative by Recreation Nova Scotia saw 22,022 people make snow angels at one time, breaking the old record of 15,851 set in Ontario in 2004.

Brindi owner must vacate

Francesca Rogier has been ordered out of her East Chezzetcook Road home for the third time in as many months.

Halifax Regional Municipality's By-Law Services issued an order to vacate the home on Nov. 19. According to spokeswoman Theresa Rath, bylaw officers determined the home was not structurally sound, inadequately supported and not habitable.

Last Friday, bylaw services received a public complaint that the house appeared to be occupied. When officers arrived with RCMP members in tow, Rath said they found Rogier had been living inside.

She agreed to leave voluntarily.

Rogier is known for being the owner of Brindi, a dog who was to be put down after scrapes with local canine counterparts.

Fine

Breaching an order to vacate carries a fine of between $100 and $10,000 under the Halifax municipal charter.

Rogier mounted a successful campaign to stay the dog's execution.

Bylaw officers went to the house at 10 a.m. Thursday to further secure the premises after last week's incident. When they arrived, Rath said they found Rogier once again within the home. They called the RCMP.

Rogier initially refused to leave, but eventually did. The property was boarded up to prevent further access.

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▶ Francesca Rogier

New date in reservist manslaughter trial

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▶ Matthew Wilcox

A date has been set for a new court martial for a Nova Scotia reservist who successfully appealed his conviction in the fatal shooting of a fellow soldier in Afghanistan in 2007.

The Defence Department says the new trial of Matthew Wilcox will begin on April 26 in Halifax before a military judge alone.

Wilcox, who was a corporal, will face the same charges of manslaughter, criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of a military duty.

Charged

Wilcox was charged in the shooting death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney on March 6, 2007.

Wilcox, from Glace Bay, won an appeal of his earlier conviction at the Court Martial Appeal Court after his lawyers complained that the makeup of the military jury was unfair at his trial in Sydney.

Wilcox was found guilty of criminal negligence causing the death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney, 25, of Stellarton and negligent performance of a military duty on July 30, 2009.

Wilcox was found not guilty of the most serious charge of manslaughter.

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Social media: We can't get enough

Haligonians are flocking more and more to social media sites, polling data finds The time we spend on these sites is only expected to go up

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Social media sites like Facebook are popping up on computer screens in HRM for hours on end.

BY THE NUMBERS

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The under-35 crowd in HRM is spending about four hours per week on social media sites and that number is climbing fast.

But even the 50-and-over age group is getting in on the action, according to polling I've conducted, spending on average about one hour per week on sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

And things show no signs of slowing down.

This despite the fact 80 per cent of residents surveyed between 18 and 24 report people spend too much time on social media sites.

Fifty per cent of HRM residents who don't currently use these sites plan to do so in the next six months.

This trend is repeating itself all over the Internet.

Almost 80 per cent of us are using the Internet regularly to compare products and services online.

But barely 60 per cent have actually made a purchase online within the past six months.

Consumers are turning more and more to the Internet to seek product information, compare prices and increasingly to study reviews posted by other consumers.

Seventy-eight per cent of us did so over the past six months. And almost 40 per cent of us report we go online to "compare" before making any major purchases.

This translates into much savvier buyers who are walking into stores around HRM. Retailers of all descriptions should be aware of these more knowledgeable and empowered buyers.

Those that do not respond, do so at their own peril.

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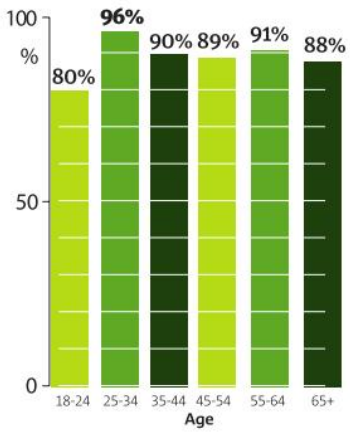
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Online activity

Some of our category shopping online is very interesting as well.

- In the past six months, 78 per cent of HRM residents surveyed have banked online, 50 per cent have made travel bookings or reservations, and five per cent have purchased stocks and bonds.

I believe that people spend too much time on social media sites (% that agree or strongly agree):





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Seniors to get new nurse care

Nova Scotia is hiring four nurse practitioners to work in nursing homes in the Cape Breton, South Shore, South West and Cumberland health districts.

Premier Darrell Dexter says they will provide alternatives to emergency and acute care for nursing home residents.

Dexter says that should help reduce wait times in emergency rooms and give seniors the care they need in the right place.

The new hires will look after immunizations, chronic disease prevention and management, medication reviews, and work with other health-care providers.

The district health authorities are expected to have the nurse practitioners in place by the spring. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hoop hopes wheelbound

Nova Scotia finishes fifth in wheelchair basketball after two wins on Thursday There are several able-bodied athletes on co-ed team



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Chris Wade averaged 23 points per game for Team Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia didn't find the podium in wheelchair basketball, but Chris Wade burned up the points chart.

The 19-year-old from Prospect finished third amongst all players by scoring 138 points at the Canada Winter Games.

"It's pretty surprising," he said after beating B.C. 65-52 Thursday morning. Nova Scotia went on to beat New Brunswick 62-46 later in the day to secure fifth spot.

"I just shot the ball well."

Wade has been playing basketball since he was little, but took up the wheelchair version only a year and a half ago. Wade, who is able-bodied, tried it out when a former coach asked him to go for the team.

Wheelchair basketball is more of a mental game, he explained.

"I like how physical it is and the team part of it," he said.

Wade said they were hoping for a bronze medal this week, so finishing fifth is a bit of a disappointment for them.

"It's just something different and competitive for me to conquer."
CHRIS WADE, ABLE-BODIED WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL PLAYER

"A couple bad games, poor performances, and we end up where we are. It's all right," he said. "We're still having fun. It's Canada Games and we're trying as hard as we can."

Coach Steve Sampson said nerves had a lot to do with it.

"Our first two games we couldn't throw the ball in the ocean let alone in the rim," he said.

Team players

Two Nova Scotians made national wheelchair basketball teams.

- Abby Stubbert of Halifax, and Jamey Jewells of Donkin, were named to the under-25 national team. Jewells also made the senior team.
- Coach Steve Sampson said Jewells could very well compete in the 2012 London Olympics.

Wheel popular

Steve Sampson, coach of Nova Scotia's wheelchair basketball team, said he's never seen this much attention for his sport.

But there's too much interest. Sampson said they don't have enough chairs, which cost about $3,000 each, to outfit the number of people who want to play the sport. JENNIFER TAPLIN

Two holdups, one suspect?

Police are investigating two robberies on Wednesday they believe to be related.

At about 8:30 p.m., Halifax Regional Police say a man entered Showtime Video on Windsor Street, produced a knife and demanded cash.

The suspect obtained an undisclosed amount of money and fled the scene. The clerk wasn't injured.

Less than 15 minutes later, a man with a similar description walked into Needs Convenience on Duffus Street, produced a knife and demanded cash.

He also fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money.

The clerk was not injured in this robbery either. METRO

Third cash grab

- A third unrelated robbery also took place on Wednesday night as two men left with cash after holding up Country View Inn and Suites in Dartmouth.

Ideas are in to spruce up resorts

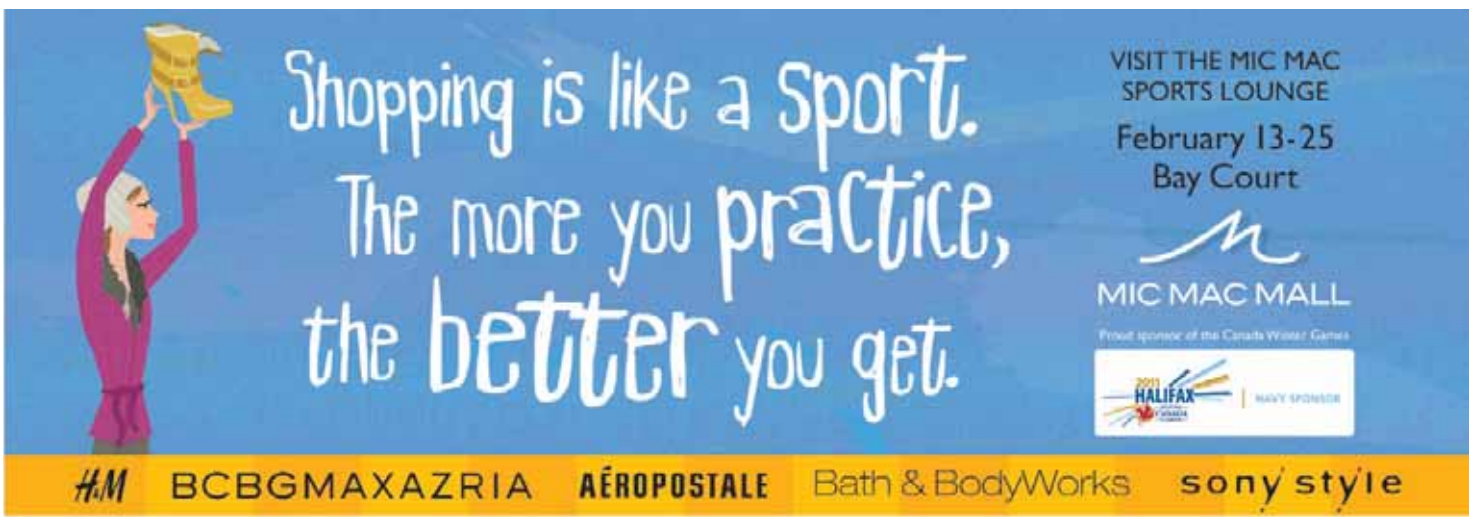
Nova Scotia Economic Development Minister Percy Paris says four parties have answered government tenders issued for three provincially owned resorts.

Paris says no decision is imminent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

15 reports of slashed tires: Police

Police are investigating several vandalism complaints in Cole Harbour.

Halifax RCMP say they received numerous calls regarding damaged vehicles from residents in the Colby Valley area. METRO



I don't do anything for nothing: Ruby

Teen in Berlusconi sex scandal wants $20,340 for an interview
Says she's 'been hurt so much'

The Moroccan teenager at the centre of the Berlusconi sex scandal says "all the gold in the world" could not make up for the suffering she has endured.

In an email exchange with The Associated Press, the teen nicknamed Ruby the Heartstealer says she has been "treated as a prostitute by all the Italian and foreign media."

"I WANT TO BE COMPENSATED for having been hurt so much," Ruby, whose real name is Karima el-Mahroug, wrote to the AP in Italian.

Ruby, now 18, requested $20,340 for a full TV interview from the AP, saying: "I don't do anything for nothing."

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was indicted Tuesday on charges he paid for sex with Ruby when she was 17 and under age, then used his influence to cover it up.

The abuse of influence charge relates to efforts by the premier to get Ruby out of the custody of Milan police when she was detained in May for an unrelated suspected theft.

His trial begins April 6 in Milan.

Berlusconi, 74, has denied ever paying for sex. He has dismissed the accusations as "groundless" and said he is not worried by the trial.

Ruby has also denied a sexual relationship with Berlusconi, saying he never "put a finger on me."

But she said he had given her $9,500 on their first meeting. Ruby said at the time she identified herself as Egyptian and gave her age as 24, rather than 17.

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▶ Silvio Berlusconi has denied ever paying for sex. Teenager Ruby says she has been treated as a prostitute by the media.

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U.S. will beat China in jets: Defence chief

The U.S. will have a far bigger fleet of top-end fighter planes than China for years to come, the U.S. defence chief said Thursday.

Robert Gates said China faces a "long road" before deploying its J-20 Stealth fighter in any numbers.

Gates said the U.S. would retain far more "fifth-generation" fighter jets than China for years.

His comments appeared designed to tamp down concern over China's military buildup.

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U.S. state executes neo-Nazi

Ohio has executed a one-time neo-Nazi who shot to death two men and a teen in a shooting spree that targeted blacks. Frank Spisak, 59, read Bible verses as his final statement.

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GETTY IMAGES



▶ Frank Spisak

Empty envelopes in ATM scam: Police

A man accused of putting empty envelopes into three automated tellers in Saskatchewan and withdrawing large sums of money has been arrested in Alberta.

RCMP in Maple Creek, Sask., say Richard Lenszewski, 52, was arrested without incident by Mounties in Airdrie.

The investigators say Lenszewski had advertised on Kijiji as a handyman to get odd jobs doing home maintenance.

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▶ Bahraini women cry outside a hospital in Manama, Bahrain, where victims of the confrontation between anti-government protesters and riot police are being treated.

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Iraqi riot police officers prevent anti-government protesters from entering the Basra provincial headquarters during a demonstration in Iraq's second-largest city, 550 kilometres southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday.

Riot cops ambush peaceful protest

Bahrain bans gatherings Protesters seek to force ruling Sunni monarchy to give up control, address discrimination, poverty faced by Shiite majority

Troops and tanks locked down the capital of the tiny Gulf kingdom of Manama, Bahrain, after riot police clubbed and fired tear gas at demonstrators. Many were sleeping during the pre-dawn assault Thursday. Medical officials said four people were killed.

Hours after the attack on Manama Pearl Square, the military announced a ban on gatherings, saying on state TV that it had "key parts" of the capital under its control.

After several days of holding back, the island nation's Sunni rulers unleashed a heavy crackdown, trying to stamp out the first anti-government upheaval to reach the Arab states of the Gulf since the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt.

"They think they can clamp down on us, but they have made us angrier."
MAKKI ABU TAKI, WHOSE SON WAS KILLED IN THE ASSAULT

In the assault, police tore down protesters' tents, beating men and women inside and blasting some with shotgun sprays of birdshot.

It was a sign of how deeply the Sunni monarchy — and other Arab regimes in the Gulf — fear the repercussions of a prolonged wave of protests, led by members of the country's Shiite majority but also joined by growing numbers of discontented Sunnis.

The assault may only further enrage protesters, who before the attack had called for large rallies for Friday.

"We are even angrier now. They think they can clamp down on us, but they have made us angrier," Makki Abu Taki, whose son was killed in the assault, shouted in the hospital morgue.

"We yelled, 'We are peaceful! Peaceful!'" said protester Mahmoud Mansouri. "The women and children were attacked just like the rest of us."

Dr. Sadek Al-Ikri, 44, said he was tending to sick protesters at a makeshift medical tent in the square when the police stormed in. He said he was tied up and severely beaten, then thrown on a bus with others.

"They were beating me so hard I could no longer see. There was so much blood running from my head," he said.

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News in brief



Fury on 'day of rage'

GADHAFI. Libyan protesters seeking to oust longtime leader Moammar Gadhafi defied a crackdown and took to the streets in four cities, including Tripoli, Thursday on what activists have dubbed a "day of rage." Reports said at least 20 demonstrators have been killed in clashes with pro-government groups.

New York-based Human Rights Watch said Libyan internal security forces also have arrested at least 14 people.

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Thousands defy military, cleric

YEMEN. Several thousand Yemeni protesters defied appeals for calm from the military and the country's most influential Islamic cleric and marched through the capital on Thursday, pressing on with their campaign to oust the U.S.-allied president.

The protesters fought off attacks by police and government supporters swinging batons and daggers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security, Suez, worry Egypt

REFORMS. Protesting workers from the Suez Canal Authority, security troubles and new torture accusations from Amnesty International presented new problems Thursday for Egypt's military rulers and caretaker government.

Suez Canal employees demonstrated in three cities straddling the critical waterway.

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▶ Lost children are cared for in a tent at the Uhuru stadium camp Thursday, where thousands of people fled following an explosion at a military camp near Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Bizarre blasts spark stampede

Some 4,000 residents evacuated to stadium in Dar es Salaam, children separated in mob The president tried to assure — no more explosions

Thousands of people crowded a stadium for safety Thursday after a Tanzanian military ammunition depot exploded and showered the city of Dar es Salaam with a series of blasts Wednesday night and Thursday morning, killing at least 25 and prompting a stampede getaway.

In the mayhem of residents fleeing the blasts, more than 150 children lost track of their parents, and officials appealed for mothers and fathers to report to the stadium to reunite with their offspring.

"People were just running, so some children were lost in the mobs of people. Now at the centres we are trying to get them connected with their relatives," Red Cross worker Julius Kejo said.

"We can't figure out how these children ended up here. here. We don't know where are their mothers."
HIDAN ROCCO, THE RED CROSS

When the explosions hit, thousands of people living in nearby neighbourhoods fled.

Families scattered, separating parents from their children.

Hidan Ricco, the head of Tanzania's Red Cross disaster management team, said there were about 200 unaccompanied children at the stadium, some of whom are only months old.

A city official appealed for parents to find their children.

"We can't figure out how these children ended up here," Ricco said.

"We don't know where are their mothers."

President Jakaya Kikwete promised an investigation into the explosions, the second fatal military ammo dump explosion in Tanzania's commercial capital in less than two years.

An accident at a Dar es Salaam military base in 2009 killed more than a dozen people.
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History

The explosions were the second fatal military ammo dump explosion in the commercial capital in less than two years.

- **Several houses** and a school were levelled during the latest blasts, which sent huge orange bursts into the night sky. Debris showered parts of the city 15 kilometres from the Gongola Mboto military base where the depot was located.
- **On the base,** 23 weapons storage facilities, five vehicles, two soldier dormitories and the general store were destroyed.

Rep. Giffords says she's feeling 'better'

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is able to laugh at jokes, recognize visitors and even offer a poignant response when asked recently by her husband how she was doing.

"Better," Giffords said, in one of the first words she uttered since being shot in the head Jan. 8.

Family friend Tilman Fertitta described the encounters to The Associated Press after spending time with her family and friends and recently visiting Giffords at TIRR Memorial Hermann in Houston, where she is undergoing intensive rehabilitation.

Giffords has been showing strong signs of progress each day as she recovers from her wounds and her husband, astronaut Mark Kelly, spends time at her bedside. Kelly has been splitting his days between the hospital and training for his space shuttle launch in April.



▶ Giffords

She is in therapy from morning until night, Fertitta said, and sees Kelly every day.

"There's lots of excitement as she continues to speak more and improve," he added. "She's in a great mood and working hard."

"She recognizes everybody," Fertitta added.

Kelly has said he expects Giffords to be well enough to attend the shuttle launch, but doctors said it was still too early.
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FINDING SANCTUARY

New den in Denver for circus lions

Twenty-five lions, most of them rescued from Bolivian circuses, began their new lives at a Colorado wildlife sanctuary Thursday, pouncing in large, fenced areas and enjoying the feel of grass on their backs.

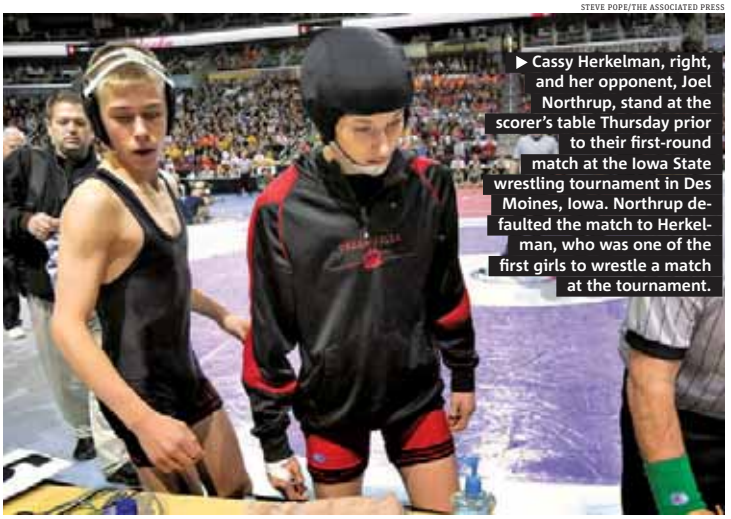
The 14 males and 11 females were flown into Denver International Airport on Wednesday afternoon and trucked to the Wildlife Sanctuary in Keenesburg, about 55 kilometres northeast of Denver.

Denver's KUSA-TV showed lion cubs roughhousing in the background as their mother looked toward the camera, relaxing behind the fence. Other lions, accustomed to being confined to small cages, sprawled on their backs, with their arms and legs in the air like the family dog.

The animals were rescued from deplorable conditions after a law was passed last year in Bolivia prohibiting all performances involving animals, Animal Defenders International said. Most of the lions were dehydrated and suffered from infections.
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▶ Cassy Herkelman, right, and her opponent, Joel Northrup, stand at the scorer's table Thursday prior to their first-round match at the Iowa State wrestling tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. Northrup defaulted the match to Herkelman, who was one of the first girls to wrestle a match at the tournament.

Loss for chivalry or chauvinism?

First time girls qualify for state wrestling tournament in Iowa ◗ Boy defaults rather than fight a girl

An Iowan high school wrestler refused to compete against a girl at the state tournament Thursday, because he says wrestling a girl would conflict with his religious beliefs.

Joel Northrup, a homeschooled sophomore was 35-4 wrestling for Linn-Mar High School this season. Instead, he shot at the championship praising his first-round opponent, Cedar Falls freshman Cassy Herkelman, and Ottumwa sophomore Megan Black — the first two girls to make the state wrestling tournament in its 85-year history.

"As a matter of conscience and my faith I do not believe that it is appropriate for a boy to engage a girl in this manner."
JOEL NORTHRUP

In a statement issued through his school, Northrup said he defaulted on his match with Herkelman because he doesn't think boys and girls should compete in the sport.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Cassy and Megan and their accomplishments. However, wrestling is a combat sport and it can get violent at times," said Northrup.

There were several thousand fans at Wells Fargo Arena Thursday, when the referee raised Herkelman's hand to signal her win. There was a smattering of cheers and boos from the crowd before Herkelman was whisked away.

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Kenney points the way

Minister wants to rejig the immigration numbers game He'll give points to would-be newcomers who speak one of our official languages

Future newcomers to Canada will be younger, less educated and more fluent in English or French if Ottawa's immigration proposals become a reality.

But the changes may skew the sources of Canadian immigration, says one expert.

"It looks like a big part of this is just a shift in source countries," said Mikal Skuterud, a professor at the University of Waterloo who closely tracks immigrants' progress.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney on Thursday launched a month of public consultations on the proposed changes.

He wants to rejig the point system Canada uses.

Research shows the biggest factor in immigrants' financial success is the ability to speak an official language.

So Kenney wants more points given for language proficiency.

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▶ Jason Kenney suggests would-be newcomers over the age of 49 get no points for their age but people under the age of 35 get 12 points.

Tories accused of hiding cost of new crime laws

The parliamentary budget officer says MPs have been denied the information they need to evaluate the cost of anti-crime legislation.

Kevin Page told the Commons public safety committee Thursday there has not been "sufficient fiscal transparency" when it comes to weighing these expenditures.

The federal government says it will spend $2 billion over five years to absorb more prisoners due to stiffer sentencing provisions in new legislation.

The government didn't provide estimated costs until after the legislation became law and didn't include details about methodology and key assumptions, Page said.

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2,700

The government anticipates adding more than 2,700 beds to men's and women's prisons across Canada in coming years.

Her on-air gibberish a migraine

A TV reporter who lapsed into gibberish during a live shot outside the Grammys suffered a migraine, her doctors said Thursday.

Serene Branson was doing a standup Sunday when her speech became incoherent. It fuelled speculation that she suffered an on-air stroke.

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▶ Serene Branson

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U.S. flight fee ruffles Canadian feathers

Estimates say fee would raise $110 million US in revenue Snowbirds irritated by added border issues

U.S. President Barack Obama wants to charge Canadians entering the U.S. by air or sea a $5.50 inspection fee. While private vehicles would be exempt, a fee would hinder trade and travel between the two countries, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Harper's voice was one of many as Canadians registered their disapproval with the American idea of requiring Canadian and Mexican air and sea travellers to pay a $5.50 fee every time they venture stateside.

Harper expressed empathy for the U.S. and its dismal fiscal state — a staggering $14-trillion national debt and annual deficits well in excess of a trillion dollars — but said "additional taxes" on Canadian travellers wouldn't solve anything.

"Some 40 per cent plus of the American spending is financed by borrowing. These are enormously challenging figures," he said.

"We want to ensure that trade and travel is easier, not more difficult, and we don't need additional taxes on that kind of economic activity."

Harper says the inspection fee is not a "useful" way to raise revenue.

Since 1997, visitors from Canada, Mexico and some Caribbean countries have been exempt from the fee, sparing those who frequently cross the border.

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According to Statistics Canada, some 16 million Canadians flew into the U.S. in 2009.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper checks his change at the cash till after buying maple syrup as he is served by David Chen, right, and his wife, Linna Lin, centre right, at their grocery store in Toronto on Thursday. Chen narrowly espcaped charges after making a citizen's arrest on a shoplifter in his store in Toronto in 2010.

Citizen's arrests get protection from feds

Canadians who nab bad guys or act in self-defence could soon have better protection from legal reprisals, prompting concerns that people might be encouraged to take the law into their own hands.

In announcing the proposed measures on Thursday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said it simply wasn't fair for people to face prosecution for protecting themselves or making citizen's arrests.

Lawmakers may have wanted to "discourage vigilantism," Harper said, but current laws have created confusion and unfairness. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Town uses Jesus to beg support

The collection plate is filling fast for a Quebec municipality on a religious mission.

Saguenay says it has raised $10,000 on the first day of a high-profile fundraising drive. It needs cash to keep up its legal battle against those who want to stop prayers at council meetings.

Someone complained about the crucifix and Sacred Heart statue in the council chamber, along with prayers before the meetings.

That led Quebec's human-rights tribunal to order a stop to the practice — and the city wants to appeal.

30K last week, the human-rights tribunal ordered a crucifix removed, demanded an end to prayers at council meetings, and asked the city to pay $30,000 in penalties to the citizen who complained.

Saguenay's colourful mayor, Jean Tremblay, has created a 1-800 number and placed an image of Jesus Christ, with his palm outstretched, seeking donations on the city website.

"Where are we French-Canadians going with our values?" Tremblay asked Wednesday, as he announced the appeal bid.

In his address to reporters Wednesday, the firebrand mayor confidently stated that in the entire history of the human race, there had never been a precedent for such persecution as that suffered by his administration.

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Tories' estimates on crime, tax out of order, says finance critic

The Conservative government reluctantly produced financial documents Thursday it had been withholding for months on the grounds they were cabinet confidences.

But the release of rudimentary cost estimates relating to criminal justice legislation and a five-year projection of corporate profits did not end opposition concerns.

"They're trying to pull the wool over the eyes of Parliament and over the eyes of Canadian taxpayers," fumed Scott Brison, Liberal finance critic.

The total five-year cost of 18 justice bills was listed at $650 million, a figure Brison called "absolutely unbelievable." The parliamentary budget officer has already pegged the cost of one particular piece of crime legislation at $5 billion-plus over five years.

Brison had already formally complained to Speaker Peter Milliken.

Opposition MPs on various House of Commons committees have been seeking cost estimates for government legislation, including the Harper government's criminal justice agenda and corporate tax cuts. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Regulator seeks public input on screaming TV ads

No laws in Canada deal with TV ad volumes, though the U.S. and U.K. have rules More than 600 complaints in past three years

If you think TV ads are annoyingly loud or shrill, the CRTC wants to hear from you.

The federal regulator has invited viewers to offer opinions on the issue by April 18, with an eye to fixing the problem of commercials that sound louder than the programming they interrupt.

Loud ads are a "significant annoyance," said Konrad von Finckenstein, chairman of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

Last week, Conservative MP Nina Grewal tabled a private member's bill to require broadcasters to ensure volumes match between commercials and the accompanying show.

Asked about the bill, which will be discussed next month, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said he was sympathetic and the issue "is clearly on the minds of millions of Canadians."

"Viewers should not have to adjust the volume at every commercial break, and we will work with the broadcasting industry to find an acceptable solution."
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▶ Honda unveiled the ninth generation of the Civic Si concept coupe on Thursday at the 2011 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

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Calling all cars ...

The Chevrolet Cruze took top honours Thursday as 2011 Canadian car of the year at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. The Ford Edge took Canadian utility vehicle of the year, while the Mercedes-Benz SLS-class was named best new design. Ford took a second award for best new technology with its inflatable rear seatbelts. The show runs through Feb. 27.

14,640 Honda Fits recalled

Honda Canada is recalling 14,640 of its 2009 and 2010 Fit subcompact cars to replace lost motion springs.

The springs may bend or break over time resulting in abnormal engine noise, engine damage or stalling.

Honda says there have been no reported accidents related to this issue in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

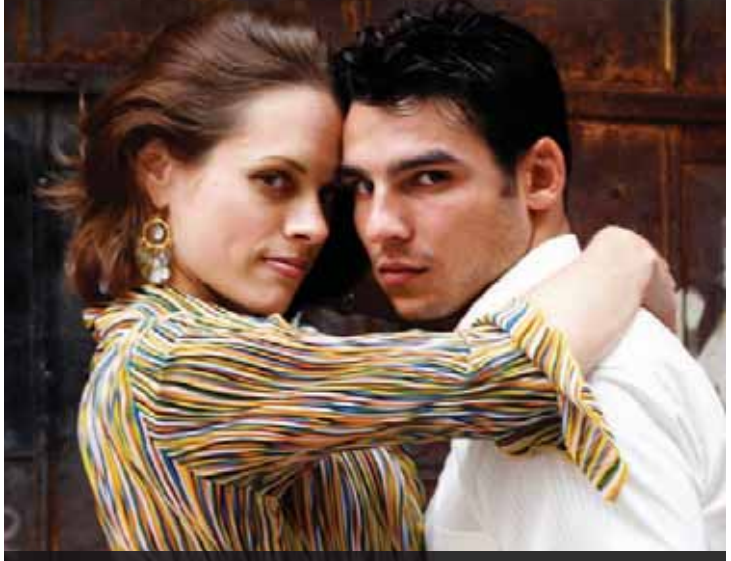
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Shipbuilders wary of talks

'We can do everything in Canada, we don't need Britain,' says CAW's Jamie Vaslet

Shipyard workers say they don't trust Ottawa's assurances that new warships and coast guard cutters will be built in Canada.

Jamie Vaslet, of the CAW Marine Workers Federation, said Thursday on Parliament Hill that the Harper government has broken its word before, namely over the elimination of a 25 per cent tariff on ships built outside the country.

He said the idea that Canada is talking to Britain about participation in the Global Combat Ship Program — the Royal Navy's plan to replace its frigate fleet — "scares the hell" out of him and his members.

"If they're talking to a foreign government about generic frigates, how long before they sell out everything?"
JAMIE VASLET, LOCAL 1, CAW MARINE WORKERS FEDERATION

Ottawa has downplayed the discussions, and insiders have said they are part of the due diligence needed for funding approval.

Together, the navy and coast guard plan to spend $35 billion over the next 30 years on new ships.

New Democrat MP Peter Stoffer, who has a number of shipyard workers in his Nova Scotia riding, says the Conservatives need to state clearly that "all" work on the new ships, including design, will be done in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Funny glasses. 3-D TV

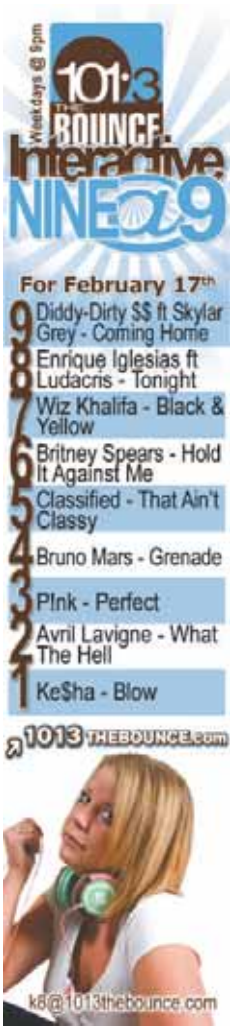


▶ A model shows a smart control of Samsung's full HD 3-D TV in Suwon, South Korea, on Thursday.

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3-D battle of the boxes

Competition is heating up in the battle to woo viewers to 3-D TV. Samsung Electronics Inc. said Thursday it expects to sell up to 10 million units of its latest model, taking on rivals LG Electronics and Sony Corp.







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▶ Mayor Peter Kelly

5 MINUTES WITH: PETER KELLY

Mayor Peter Kelly says he couldn't be happier with how the Canada Winter Games are going thus far in Halifax. We caught up with him Thursday to talk about the games, and what he has been out to see.

Have you been out to any Canada Games events?
I've been at many events from gymnastics to ringette to hockey to speedskating and today I hope to hit some other ones as well but also the events at Celebration Square at the Grand Parade.

Which one has been the most exciting?
They've all been great. Certainly the athletes are stepping up and are very much putting all their efforts for themselves and for their teams forward and they're certainly doing their respective provinces and hometowns very proud.

What do you think of Nova Scotia's performance so far?
I couldn't be prouder of what we have achieved. A lot of thanks needs to go to JP the chair and his team, who are responsible for the games but also clearly the over 6,000 volunteers who have stepped forward and offered and extended upon our down-home hospitality, which is known around the world.

Are you talking to a lot of out-of-towners to promote HRM?
I've had a lot of discussion with athletes and their parents and with our guests from throughout Canada and certainly as mayor I couldn't be more proud than what we've achieved. There have been rave reviews in terms of the hospitality, the quality of the event and certainly one that will carry a lot of long-term memories long after the games are over.

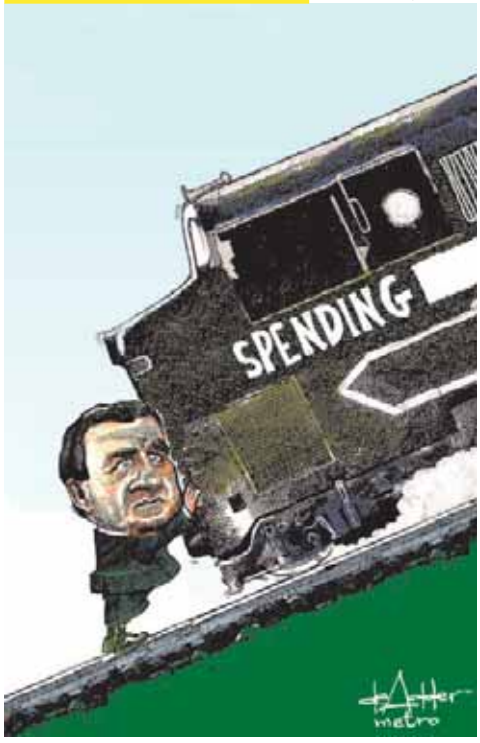
What do you think of nearly 100 records being broken at the oval?
With the oval it was certainly a venue that attracted national limelight and certainly a fast piece of ice. The public has made it clear that they want it protected and kept for future generations.

What do you think could be done better so far?
We are getting glowing commentary from across the country, from across the province and HRM. We have much to be proud about. There is nothing that we need to feel embarrassed or short-changed about.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER



Saves on dishwashing

Worth mentioning

Ice age Britons drank from human skulls and may even have eaten flesh and bone marrow, but they were far from barbarians.

That's the conclusion of experts studying the oldest known examples of "skull cups," found in a cave in southwest England.

The bowls look almost like works of art, ritual items laced with meaning. Look more closely, however, and it becomes clear they are made from human skulls. Scientists say they are the oldest known carbon-dated skull cups, said by experts to be about 14,700 years old.

British scientists writing in the Public Library of Science journal maintain the cups were fashioned in such a meticulous way that the only credible explanation for their manufacture is that they were used as bowls to hold liquid. If the hunters and gatherers simply wanted to eat the deceased person's brains, there would have been far easier ways to get at them, scientists said.

Experts believe the rare cups — two made from adults skulls, one from a child thought to be about three years old — were used in some sort of ritual, as was common in many parts of the world.

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Metro Minute with Great Big Sea

The biggest act to hit Celebration Square for the Canada Winter Games is taking the stage Saturday night. Celtic favourites Great Big Sea are coming off playing shows on a Caribbean cruise and will be heating up the Grand Parade stage with their show beginning at 7 p.m. Jeremy Fisher is set to open.

On Friday, Hawksley Workman is the featured attraction with Dutch Robinson opening for the band at 7 p.m.

The Halifax Circus and the Annapolis Valley Honour Choir will be performing for the noontime show Friday.

All shows at Celebration Square are free for the public. METRO

Three days to play

HAVE YOU BEEN OUT TO WATCH ANY OF THE CANADA GAMES ACTION?



Jenn Brown
HALIFAX
I attended the skating on Monday when the weather was nice ... it was fun and we brought the kids. It's exciting and nice to have something going on in the wintertime.



Brenda Winter
BLOCKHOUSE
Nothing yet because we're from out of town. We're hoping to stay the rest of the day so we may take some things in. We just haven't decided yet.

Will James and Anne shine on Oscar night?

The Reel Guys debate the interesting selection of James Franco and Anne Hathaway as Oscar hosts

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Richard Crouse: Mark, I have to say I don't really care who hosts the Oscars. For me the show is about the movies, not the hosts. But I think the choice of Anne Hathaway and James Franco is kind of intriguing, especially since Franco said publicly, "If it's the worst Oscar show ever, who cares?" With that attitude he may bring some much needed danger to the proceedings.

Mark Breslin: Sorry, Richard, I cannot agree! The Oscar hosts are incredibly important to the show. How else are we going to get through the awards for Best Documentary Short, Best Sound Editing and the Jean Hirshholt Humanitarian Award without a little comedy, a little song and a little dance? Which make Franco and Hathaway interesting choices because they don't do any of those things. Then again, anything has to be better than last year's wheezy Steve Martin/Alec Baldwin duo. The big question is, will Franco and Hathaway open with a Black Swan parody in matching tutus?

RC: I can't say if they'll start things off with matching tutus, but I think it is a safe bet that leading up to the category Franco is nominated in this year, Best Actor for 127 Hours, there will be jokes about how "disarmingly" handsome he is, or how he "single-handedly" made the movie a success. Wait for those groaners. What everybody wants is for Billy Crystal to come back and host. He's funny, he's likeable, he's a movie star — well, he used to be, anyway — and he keeps the pace of the show chugging along at a nice clip. Hathaway and Franco are both capable performers, but will they be able to keep things moving along?

MB: Yes, Billy Crystal could have been made Oscar Host For Life. But I guess he doesn't mean much overseas except for select neighbourhoods in Tel Aviv. But here's a question: In the Dead Meal Tickets section, which deceased actor will get the greatest applause? Dennis Hopper or Tony Curtis?

RC: The tributes section is always a favourite of mine, but it does often feel as though someone is standing off stage with an Applause-O-Meter judging who gets the biggest reaction. This year? Who knows, maybe Hopper and Curtis will cancel one another out and leave a little love for departed Canadian Corey Haim. Even in death it seems the Oscars are still a giant popularity contest.

Hosting tips

Mark Breslin, the founder of Yuk Yuk's, has five tips for Oscar host Anne Hathaway and James Franco to warm up the crowd.

1. Open with a Song. Always worked for Billy Crystal.
2. Make a self-deprecating joke.
3. Go into the audience and talk directly to celebs.
4. Do a little dance. Make a little love. Get down tonight.
5. Lots of topical jokes about the business — not the art — of the Hollywood movie.

Want to weigh-in on the Academy Awards just like the Reel Guys? Take the Metro Life Panel Survey for a chance to win a PlayStation 3. Register at metrolifepanel.ca and a survey will be emailed to you.

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▶ James Franco and Anne Hathaway are set to host the Academy Awards on Sunday, Feb. 27.

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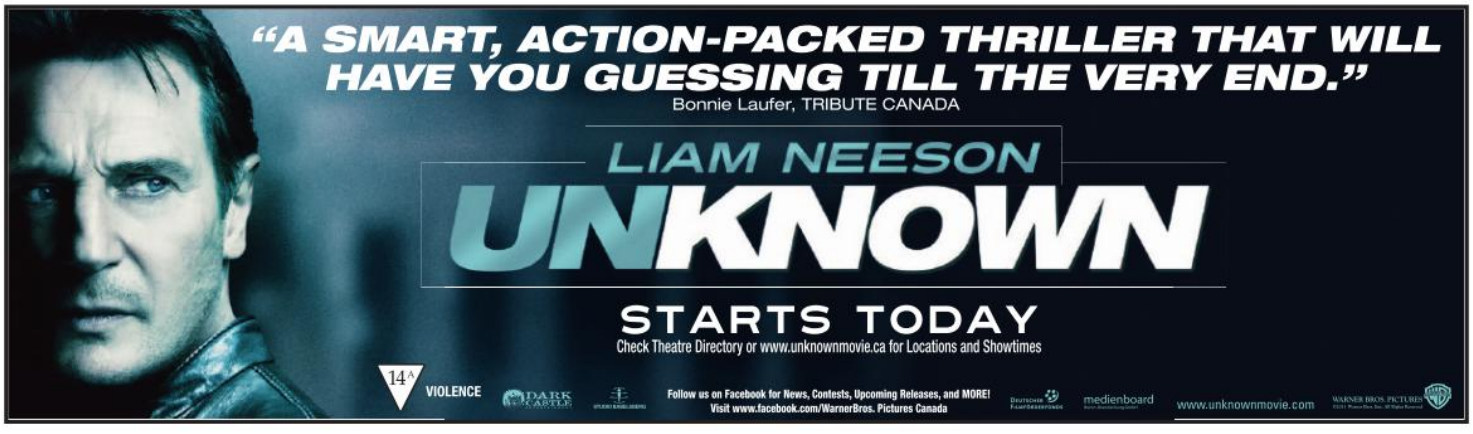
Scene in brief



Jessica Alba and her husband, Cash Warren, are expecting their second child. Alba announced the news Wednesday on her Facebook page and Twitter account. The 29-year-old actress wrote on the social networking site: "I thought I'd drop by to let you all in on some exciting news. Honor is going to be a Big Sister!" She added: "Cash and I are thrilled."

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Oscar-nominated costumes, other outfits from 2010 movies on view at fashion museum



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Wilson and Sudeikis sound like an old married couple after filming a movie about getting a week off marriage

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The Farrelly brothers' latest comedy, Hall Pass, teams up Owen Wilson and Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis as friends given a week off from marriage by their wives, so the two actors knew they'd be seeing a lot of each other. Metro sat down for a chat with the chummy co-stars to talk about the film — and tried to get a word in edgewise.

You guys have a great rapport. It's sort of the —
Jason Sudeikis: (to Owen) I told you!
Owen Wilson: Convince me.

OK, Owen. What did you think was wrong with your rapport with Jason?
OW: Well, no, I think that it was ... Right from the beginning it seemed like, even when we just spoke on the phone, we were going to get along. Also, his schedule is so crazy, having to leave and stuff. He was constantly the new kid. New cliques had formed, and I had to put my arm around him — "Come here! You can still sit here at lunch!"
JS: (to Owen) I remember the first couple weeks, you were like, "God, now I know what it feels like to be from a broken home. Someone goes away and they show up whenever, all willy-nilly."
OW: It really was hard. Like, "God, I can't wait to see Jason ... Oh, he's not here?"

Given your obvious rapport, how was it working with Farrelly brothers as far as improvising material?
OW: They were pretty encouraging for you to try stuff.
JS: Absolutely.
OW: But they definitely wanted to try to get one as scripted, and we could because it was a good, funny script. But yeah.


▶ Owen Wilson and Jason Sudeikis star in Hall Pass.

JS: It wasn't so much improvised like the cameras rolling and you're just burning film. It's usually a discussion.

That muscle gets worked a lot at SNL, so I feel fairly decent at trying to throw my hat in there. It's tough to just run a can of film and expect gold to come out.

There were too many good, thoughtful writing brains on that set to just blue-sky it like that.

The Farrelly brothers have mentioned you guys played a lot of games on set.
OW: They do a game. You know how the newspaper puts people whose birthday it is? He would say whose birthday it was, and then you'd guess how old. And Pete Farrelly dominated.
JS: Like in golf scores, the lowest score wins.

Maybe he just sits home and memorizes people's ages.
JS: He was so good at it, you could almost accuse him of that.
OW: He won so much money.

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Number Four not number one

I Am Number Four
Genre: Science-Fiction
Director: D.J. Caruso
Stars: Alex Pettyfer, Timothy Olyphant, Dianna Agron
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Isn't it amazing that some movies can fill the screen with action, special effects, and beautiful young actors, and yet somehow still be mind-numbingly boring? I Am Number Four is one of these special cases, a blatant attempt to launch the next teen-driven fantasy franchise like Twilight. The trouble is no one bothered to find source material that will captivate the target audience. Though adapted from a moderately popular novel, work began on the film before the book was published.

Alex Pettyfer stars as a supposedly average teen who is secretly one of the last surviving members of an extinct alien race that is being hunted by another group of aliens. The main problem is that the filmmakers are going for the Spiderman effect of having the audience care equally about the characters' humdrum daily lives and the fantasy world. Sadly, nothing in the "real" sections feel genuine, and the young actors are painfully dull, making this impossible. Sure there are some nice big expensive set pieces, but with no one that the audience can identify with, who cares?

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Unknown
Genre: Thriller
Director: Jaume Collet-Serra
Stars: Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger

A bit of a twist on The Bourne Identity, Unknown tells the story of one man (Liam Neeson) who wakes from a coma in Germany only to discover someone has stolen his identity. And as if that wasn't bad enough, nobody recognizes him (even his wife) and maniac assassins want him dead. The secret is mostly kept hidden until the film's conclusion but for all its clandestine effectiveness, Unknown feels rather heavy-handed in its plotting.

STEVE GOW



Biutiful
Genre: Drama
Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu
Stars: Javier Bardem, Maricel Alvarez, Guillermo Estrella

Writer/director Alejandro González Iñárritu departs from his usual multi-character epics to focus on a single man (Javier Bardem) struggling to come to terms with his low-level criminal existence and set things right with his children before succumbing to cancer. Iñárritu transforms the material into a starkly realistic character study with fleeting moments of emotionally-driven surrealism.

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Waste Land
Genre: Documentary
Director: Lucy Walker
Stars: Vic Munoz
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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri 1:25-4 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:25-4
The Company Men (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:25
The Eagle (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3:40-7:10-9:55
Gnomeo and Juliet (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:50-3:10-6:15-8:40 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Wed 12:50-3:10-9:25 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Thu 12:50-3:10-6:15-8:40
The Green Hornet 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:35-3:20-6:20-9:15
Gulliver's Travels (STC) Dolby Stereo Fri 12:30-3:15 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 12:30-3:15
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri 12:25-3:30
I Am Number Four (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:30-10:15
Just Go With It (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 1:40-4:25-6:35-7:40-9:35-10:10 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:25-1:40-3:30-4:25-6:35-7:40-9:35-10:10 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 1:40-4:25-6:35-7:40-9:35-10:10
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (STC) Dolby Stereo, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:20-9:50
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The King's Speech (STC) Dolby Stereo Fri 6:25-9:05 Dolby Stereo Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:25-9:05 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 6:25-9:05
Megamind (G) Dolby Stereo Fri 12:40-3:35 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 12:40-3:35
No Strings Attached (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri 6:30-9:10 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:30-3:15-6:30-9:10 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:30-9:10
The Rite (14) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 3:25-6:50-9:40
The Roommate (14) Dolby Stereo Fri 7:45-10:20 Dolby Stereo Sat-Sun 1:25-4-7:45-10:20 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 7:45-10:20
Sanctum 3D (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:50-10:05
Unknown (14) Dolby Stereo, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:10-10
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Blutiful (14) Stadium Seating Fri 1-4:10-7:30-11 Stadium Seating Sat-Mon 1-4:10-7:30 Stadium Seating Tue 1-4:10-7:45 Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1-4:10-7:30
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Fri 11:40 Mon-Thu 11:40
The Eagle (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:50 Stadium Seating Tue 1:10-3:50-7:15-9:55 Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:50
Gulliver's Travels (STC) Stadium Seating Fri 12 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (STC) Stadium Seating Fri 11:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 11:30
I Am Number Four (14) Stadium Seating Fri 2-4:30-7-9:40-11:55 Stadium Seating Sat-Mon 2-4:30-7-9:40 Stadium Seating Tue 2-4:30-7:30-10:05 Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:40
Just Go With It (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 1:15-3:55-6:40-9:20-11:45 Stadium Seating Sat-Mon 1:15-3:55-6:40-9:20 Stadium Seating Tue 1:15-3:55-6:55-9:30 Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:40-9:20
The King's Speech (STC) Stadium Seating Fri 2:10-6:20-9 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:20-9 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:10-6:20-9
Megamind (G) Stadium Seating Fri 11:50 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 11:50
The Metropolitan Opera: La Fanciulla del West Encore (STC) Stadium Seating Sat 2
Somewhere (STC) Stadium Seating Fri 1:20-3:40-6:45-9:10-11:30 Stadium Seating Sat-Mon 1:20-3:40-6:45-9:10 Stadium Seating Tue 1:20-3:40-6:35-8:50 Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:20-3:40-6:45-9:10
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Gulliver's Travels (STC) Stadium Seating Fri 11:50 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 11:50
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 11 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 11
I Am Number Four (14) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:05-4:30-7-9:30
Just Go With It (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:05-9:40
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 11:20-1:45-4:10-6:45-9:10 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:45-4:10-6:45-9:10 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 11:20-1:45-4:10-6:45-9:10
Megamind (G) Stadium Seating Fri 11:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 11:10
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The Eagle (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 12:55-3:40-6:45-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 6:45-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 4:25-7:15-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:45-9:25
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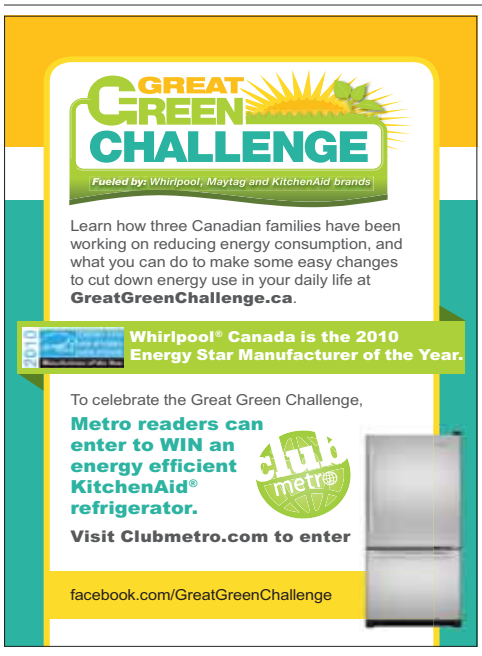
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You don't maintain a 40-year career in the music business without reinventing yourself every once in a while.

Former Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant is the most recent rock veteran to undergo a seemingly effortless transition into another successful phase of his career, with his second bluegrass flavoured album, Band of Joy.

Here we look at the drastic changes he's made throughout his tenure in the music industry and the drastic changes of some of his peers.

Neil Young

First contact: In the '60s, Young established himself as a solo artist, a guitarist for Buffalo Springfield and a collaborator with Crosby, Stills and Nash.

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First change: Singing in an electronic voice against synthesizers, 1982's Trans album didn't sound like anything he'd done before.
Big surprise: His follow-up, Everybody's Rockin', was all rockabilly tunes; it was so un-Neil Young that his label sued him for making music unrepresentative of himself.
New horizons: As grunge became popular in the '90s, Young was cited as a major inspiration. It seemed to help him reclaim his past, while experimenting further.

David Bowie

First contact: Bowie's 1969 ode to astronauts, Space Oddity, laid the groundwork to show us that this was one weird artist worth watching. For 40 years, he has not disappointed.

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First change: One of his first ch-ch-ch-changes was his invention of the alter-ego persona Ziggy Stardust, whom he used to dress up as throughout the early '70s.
Big surprise: After a decade of artsy reinventions and experiments, in the '80s, Bowie resurfaced with Let's Dance, a slick pop look and sound.
New horizons: Bowie has continued to push boundaries, dabbling in noise rock and electronica with good results.

Robert Plant

First contact: As the singer for Led Zeppelin in the '60s and '70s, Plant and pals basically define how hard rock should sound.
First change: After Zep's breakup in 1980, Plant made a string of solo albums with a decidedly modern feel, eschewing the emphasis on guitars that made his band such a hit.
Big surprise: Plant's 1985 EP with the Honeydrippers was '50s covers. The song Sea of Love became his biggest hit, which reportedly upset the singer, as he feared he'd be known for this style.

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New horizons: Raising Sand, Plant's first foray into bluegrass with singer Alison Krauss, is a commercial success and wins the Album of the Year Grammy in 2009. This halts any plans of a Zep reunion tour.

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Arcade told to parlez Francais

Fete Nationale organizers say Arcade Fire can perform — but not in English

They may be the toast of the music world but, if they ever want to play the Fete Nationale celebration in their own hometown, Arcade Fire won't be allowed to do it in English.

Organizers of Montreal's Fete Nationale celebration say the band would have to sing their songs in French, like any other act playing at the festival for Quebec's annual holiday.

The chief organizer said Wednesday that the Grammy-winning band would be welcome to play the June 24 event if they wanted to.

"As long as they conform to certain guidelines," Luc Savard, director general of the event, told The Canadian Press.

When asked whether those guidelines included not singing in English, and performing in French instead, Savard replied, "Voila."

The question of whether Arcade Fire will attend is actually moot for this year: the group will be touring Europe this summer, and Savard says this year's acts are already booked anyway.

Arcade Fire does include the occasional French line in its songs but the band, and its U.S.-born frontman, sing almost exclusively in English.

When they took to the stage at the Grammys they expressed thanks, in English and French, to the city of Montreal and later gushed to reporters backstage about their love for the place.

After winning the best-album Grammy this week, the group went on to England where they were named the top international band at the BRIT awards.

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▶ Arcade Fire singers Edwin Farnham Butler III, left, and Regine Chassagne

Sound Check



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WHY DO WE STAND FOR BAD SOUND?

Beginning in the late 1940s, we've been told to upgrade to a new type of music playback medium every five or six years so that we are able to experience better sound.

If you're brave enough to step into my basement, you will find CDs, LPs, 12-inch singles, 7-inch singles, cassettes, a couple of 8-tracks, a pile of DAT tapes, assorted MiniDiscs, some rescued concert recordings on 10-inch reel-to-reel tape and probably a couple of 78's.

Under the stairs is a pile of 12-inch Laserdiscs that I'm willing to let go cheap. (I'll even throw in the player!)

The International Standard Organization has approved the algorithms that make music as MP3 files possible in 1991. Twenty years on, the public's love affair with the format's convenience seems to know no end.

We're firmly into the digital age. Global digital music sales reached $4.6 billion in 2010, which equals about 30 per cent of all sales by record labels.

The MP3 rules.

But despite the severe high-fidelity shortcomings of MP3s, most people seem completely happy with what they deliver. (The same goes for Apple's AAC format, which is what you get when you buy a song through iTunes.)

Although technology used in today's hard drives keeps driving the cost of storage lower and lower, few music consumers seem interested in switching to a better sounding codec like FLAC. A song ripped to FLAC is about four times larger than when ripped to MP3 — but if you've got the room, who cares?

Outside of hardcore audiophiles, no one seemed bothered that the public is listening to music with sonic qualities that are substantially worse than what we heard from vinyl 30 years ago. I find it strange — and rather depressing — that while we continue to demand bigger and better HD and 3-D TVs, few people are demanding that the audio quality of their music gets better.

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What's sizzlin' on the small screen

With all this terrible weather you've probably gone into hibernation
Why not check out the midseason's new and returning shows to watch while you're cozied up inside


Mr. Sunshine

HOT FRIENDS

Matthew Perry and Matt LeBlanc make their return to TV comedy with Perry serving as the self-involved manager of a sports arena in Mr. Sunshine and LeBlanc playing a heightened version of himself in the Hollywood-skewering Episodes. But neither, they realize, can escape the Friends phenomenon.

"I don't think people want to see a character that's night-and-day different than Chandler, but we want to try to do some different things," says Perry, who also had a hand in creating his new series. "So you want to take advantage of that something that worked before, but you also want to show something new."

In Episodes, LeBlanc is embracing the past.

"My only reservation was playing myself," he says. "I didn't really understand what they meant by that, and they assured me it was not a documentary. And once I got my head around that, it started to become really fun to push the envelope and poke fun."

Mr Sunshine airs Mondays on CTV. Episodes airs Monday nights on The Movie Network.


Episodes


Skins

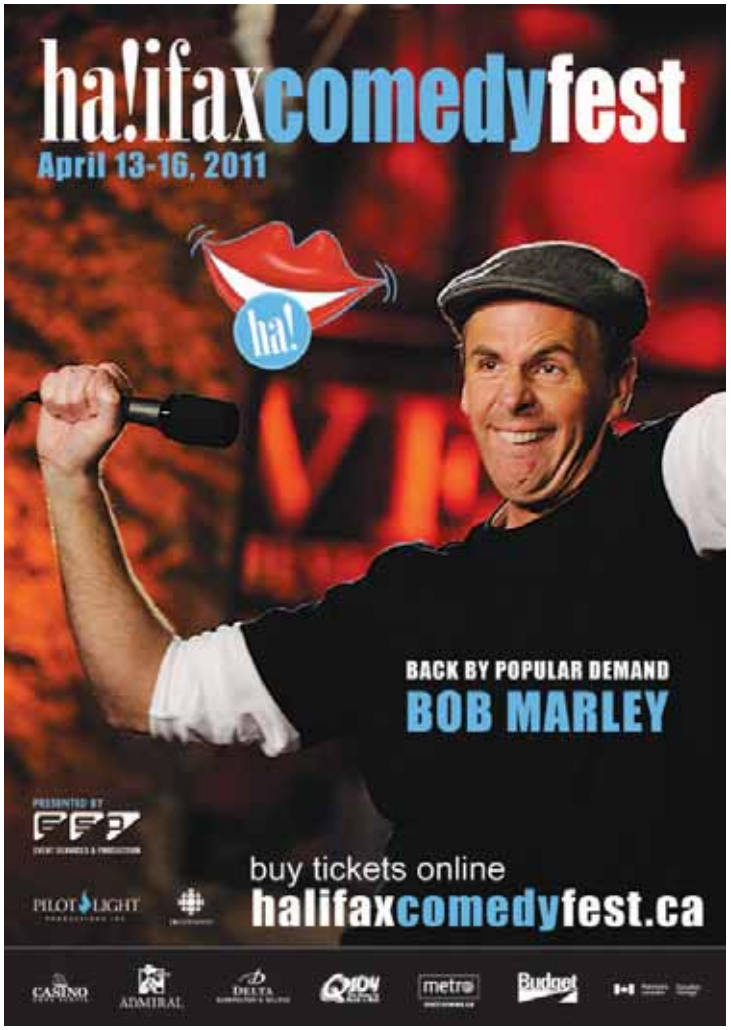
HOT CONTROVERSY

"I was really happy and proud to be on a show that represented teenage life to the full extent," Ron Mustafaa, star of the drama Skins, told TV critics. Since its debut, the show has lost numerous advertisers due to its portrayal of teen antics. "We think the real controversy here should be for TV geeks fretting over how much of a copy the show's first couple episodes have been to the original British version," creator Bryan Elsley wrote on a Huffington Post blog.

Skins airs Monday nights on The Movie Network.



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HOT COPS

A police superintendent (Jennifer Beals) and her former partner (Jason Clarke) fight on the streets and up through the The Chicago Code. "I like the idea of approaching crime from the top," says series creator Shawn Ryan (The Shield). "And I liked the idea of approaching it from the perspective of a female character."
The Chicago Code airs Monday nights on Global.



HOT NEIGHBOURS

Lisa Ling travels the country investigating "outsider" culture in America, from sex offenders to drug addicts in Our America with Lisa Ling. "We set out to try and understand or explore what it really means to be an American. And I really feel like this has been the culmination of everything I've ever learned as a journalist," she says.
Our Amerca with Lisa Ling airs on OWN.



HOT COUPLES

Ben (Jason Biggs) loves Kate (Sarah Chalke), but their best friends Connie (Judy Greer) and Larry (Tyler Labine) can't stand each other on Mad Love. And while Chalke, Greer and Labine are sitcom vets, tackling romantic comedy on the small screen is new territory for Biggs.
Mad Love airs Mondays on CBS.



HOT HARVEST FESTIVAL

By setting up an ultimatum this season on Parks and Recreation— Leslie's (Amy Poehler) Harvest Festival has to be a success or the Pawnee parks department will be eliminated — the comedy has become must-see for reasons other than its superb, subtle humour.
Parks and Recreation airs Thursday nights on Citytv.



HOT JUSTICE

Can U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens (Timothy Olyphant) do his job without shooting someone? That would be a mighty feat in this Old Western-style crime drama Justified, especially in Season 2, according to creator Graham Yost.
Justified airs Wednesdays on FX and starts this Monday night on Channel.



HOT MESS

In Shameless, William H. Macy plays the drunken, free-loading patriarch of a gazillion (OK, six) kids who are essentially raised by the eldest sister (Emmy Rossum) and somehow remain a loving, functional family. "I've got the role of the century here," Macy exclaims.
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Computer whips us at Jeopardy, but there's still a place for people, right?



▶ Jeopardy contestants pose with Watson, the IBM-created megabrain, who beat the veteran champs with a total of $77, 147 over two exhibition matches.

Machines first out-calculated us in simple math. Then they replaced us on the assembly lines, explored places we couldn't get to, even beat our champions at chess. Now a computer called Watson has bested our best at Jeopardy!

A gigantic computer created by IBM specifically to excel at answers-and-questions left two champs of the TV game show in its silicon dust after a three-day tournament, a feat that experts call a technological breakthrough.

Watson earned $77,147, versus $24,000 for Ken Jennings and $21,600 for Brad Rutter. Jennings took it in stride writing, "I for one welcome our new computer overlords" alongside his correct Final Jeopardy answer.

The next step for the IBM machine and its programmers: taking its mastery of the arcane and applying it to help doctors plow through blizzards of medical information. Watson could also help make Internet searches far more like a conversation than the hit-or-miss things they are now. Watson's victory leads to the question: What can we measly humans do that amazing machines cannot do or will never do?

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TV picks

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INVESTIGATIVE Marketplace looks into what it calls the best kept secret in the car insurance industry: diminished value payments. Co-host Tom Harrington investigates why some companies try to avoid making full payments for vehicles that have been in a major collision. (Friday, CBC)

A little labour for the leaders

REALITY Political leaders walk a kilometre in some average Joes' shoes in Make the Politician Work. Tonight, Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie leaves his comfortable office in the legislature to experience work at a remote open-pit copper mine. (Sunday, CBC)

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Mel's ex awaits verdict

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▶ Oksana Grigorieva and Mel Gibson, in happier times.

Could face jail time if found guilty of extortion

Los Angeles sheriffs have wrapped up a seven-month investigation into whether Oksana Grigorieva extorted ex-boyfriend Mel Gibson for millions of dollars using recorded phone calls in which he was verbally abusive and threatening, according to People magazine.

Investigators also looked into claims that Gibson was physically abusive to Grigorieva. Prosecutors will now decide how to proceed, and if Grigorieva is found guilty of extortion, she could face several years in prison.

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Fantasia snubbed at Grammy's?

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While she was nominated for a Grammy — and won — Fantasia Barrino decided to sit out the ceremony because she wasn't invited to be part of the star-studded Aretha Franklin tribute that opened the show, she tells BET.

"They were honouring someone who was my idol, and there is no way I could have sat there and not got the happy feet and wanted to jump on the mic because she is my favourite," she says. "I felt like, you know, at the end of the day I should have been on that stage." METRO



Celebrity tweets



Paris Hilton [@Paris Hilton]

The car is amazing! But yellow! So not my style! Ha. Then he had the real present pulled up, the lexus in a beautiful pearl white.



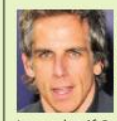
Tom Arnold [@Tom Arnold]

I'm glad the little guys won, but I hope they like us



Frankie Muniz [@frankie muniz]

I love the World we live in. You get death threats for having an opinion!



Ben Stiller [@RedHour Ben]

I wonder if Sean Connery went to see Never Say Never and then watched it again. METRO

Talking points

CBS duped by Lohan's dad

Executives at CBS claim they were duped by someone in Lindsay Lohan's inner circle into believing that the troubled actress would appear on David Letterman's show to read the Top 10 List, and it turns out that certain someone was her dad, Michael Lohan.

"Someone purporting to be a friend of Lindsay's reached out to the show, allegedly on her behalf, and booked her to appear," a statement from CBS reads. "Clearly, this person was not authorized to make commitments on her behalf."

In his defense, Michael says Lindsay liked the idea, but it was shot down by her handlers. "Anything positive that I bring into her life ... [her people] try to nix it," he says. METRO

It's a boy for Natalie

Natalie Portman is reportedly expecting a baby boy with fiancée Benjamin Millepied, according to Life & Style.

"They've only told a very small group of family members and friends that they're expecting a son," a source tells the magazine.

"They are so excited. Benjamin cannot wait to be a father."

Portman, who is due in the spring or early summer, opted to skip last week's British Acadamy of Film and Television Awards in London because of her pregnancy. METRO



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▶ Halle Berry

Halle, Gabriel set aside differences — at least for now

Despite what's become a bitter custody battle and war of words, Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry seem to be putting their differences aside for the sake of their daughter, according to Radar Online.

"Gabriel and Halle even resumed talking again last week, and it seems that Halle is going to be making it easier for Gabriel to spend time with Nahla, which has been a sticking point between the two up till now," a source says.

"Hopefully this is the start of the two of them being able to form some kind of workable co-parenting relationship for the sake of their daughter." METRO

3 life

Fitness challenge

Follow the progress of Metro writer Heather Buchan as she tests out the new Ubisoft game for Xbox Kinect — Your Shape Fitness Evolved — and compares it to the experiences of having a real trainer.

The fitness-simulation program displays your image on the screen, tracks your movements and offers various classes complete with a virtual trainer.

Buchan will do similar activities with her own personal trainer.

Her second story appears on metronews.ca today and will conclude with a wrap-up story on Feb. 28.

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When the outside matches the inside



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Though no one knows better than I that you can't judge a wine by its looks, that hasn't stopped me from being a closet fan of eye-catching labels.

If a winery has put some effort into its front panel (and by effort I mean some ingenuity that doesn't look like it was birthed by a team of business suits), I'm curious to find out if the juice delivers the same wow factor.

That's what initially intrigued me about Kilikanoon Wines' 2007 The Lackey Shiraz ($17.95 - $19.99). I was drawn to the Aussie wine's strikingly simple black and white label, which displays its name in rustic bold letters and a haphazardly dropped pair of Blundstone boots.

Like the nearly indestructible footwear, The Lackey keeps on trucking with a dark, thick, youthful black fruit flavour and a lingering licorice spice trail that sets it apart from all the cookie cutter shiraz out there.

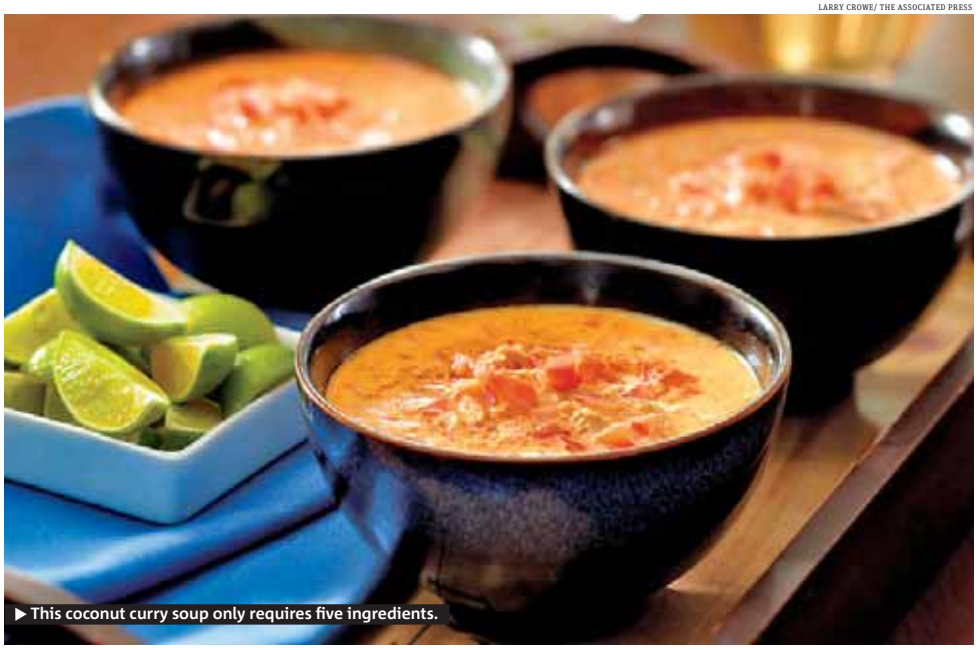


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▶ This coconut curry soup only requires five ingredients.

DINNER EXPRESS

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Enjoying curries can add a little spice to your life, and keeping curry powder or Thai curry paste in your pantry will help give big flavour to your quick dinner ideas.

Use fresh curry powder for the best flavour and be sure to store it away from heat sources. Also, go to bulk stores or spice markets where you can purchase a small amount if you haven't used it before.

You can buy Thai curry paste in grocery stores in jars or envelopes. Once it is opened, store it in the refrigerator. Curry paste has a long shelf life but be sure to check the best-before dates on the jar.

Once you get a taste of both these flavourful curries you will want to kick up the flavour in the kitchen more often.

This first recipe combines fresh vegetables with trendy must-have ingredients in your pantry for a five-ingredient Thai soup.

It's sure to win raves from all who sample it and make a quick week night meal! Curry powder is a great pantry staple to add a subtle flavour to this soup and many other weeknight meals.

Preparation:

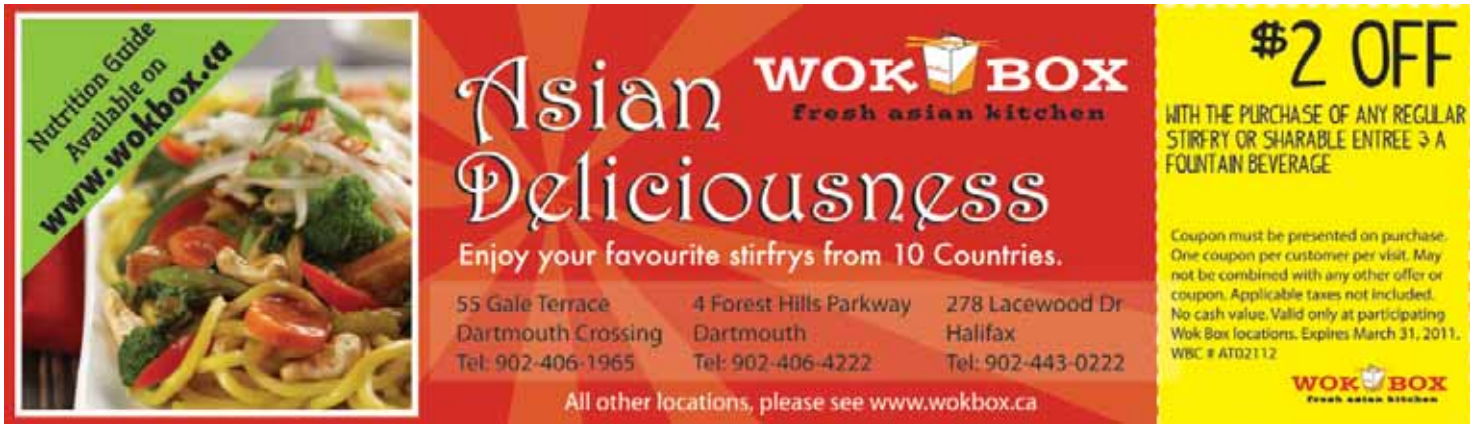
1. In saucepan, stir together coconut milk, tuna and curry powder over medium heat. Add carrot and three-quarters of the red pepper and bring to boil.
2. Ladle soup into bowls and garnish with remaining red pepper.

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Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) light coconut milk
- 2 cans (85 g each) spicy Thai chili flaked light tuna
- 1 tsp (5 mL) curry powder
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped



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▶ Serve the beef curry over white rice.

Simple beef curry, exciting taste

Thai curry pastes come in green, red or yellow. So, no matter which colour is available the dish is hot and spicy.

Served up with rice this makes an easy weeknight meal with some leftovers for lunch for the smaller homes.

Preparation:

1 In a large skillet or wok, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add curry paste and cook for 30 seconds. Add beef and stir-fry for 5 minutes. Remove to plate.

2 Add onion and peppers to skillet; cook, stirring for about 10 minutes or until vegetables begin to brown. Add stock, coconut milk, fish sauce and browned beef; simmer for about 5 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir in basil.

Options:

Vegetarian: Use 1 pgk (350 g) extra firm tofu, cubed, instead of the beef. Replace fish sauce, with soy sauce.

Chicken: You can use 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks for the beef. Use chicken stock.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Thai red, green or yellow curry paste
- 1 lb (500 g) top sirloin grilling steak, thinly sliced
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 red bell peppers, sliced
- ½ cup (125 mL) beef stock or water
- ½ cup (125 mL) coconut milk or sour cream
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) fish sauce
- ¼ cup (50 mL) chopped fresh basil or coriander

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Watch What You Heat!

A leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking.

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4 sports

Tigers blanked

The Dalhousie Tigers were shut out 4-0 by the host St. Francis Xavier X-Men in the opener of the Atlantic University Sport best-of-three men's hockey quarter-finals on Thursday night in Antigonish.

Chris Hulit scored two goals and added an assist and Joseph Perricone pitched a 14-save shutout as the X-Men drew first blood.

Tigers goaltender Bobby Nadeau was the third star after facing a 39-shot onslaught.

It was Dalhousie's first playoff game since 2004 as the Tigers ended a six-year absence from the post-season.

The Tigers host Game 2 on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Memorial Arena. The game's time appeared incorrectly in Thursday's edition of Metro.

Game 3, if necessary, is Monday back in Antigonish. METRO

Sports in brief

Crosby's stick joins exhibit

HOCKEY. The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame has expanded its Sidney Crosby exhibit. The Cole Harbour native's stick that scored the Olympic gold-medal-winning goal at the 2010 Winter Olympics, along with his gloves and helmet, have joined his famous dryer in the section at the Metro Centre.

Admission is free. METRO

Rainmen sign centre Cooper

PBL. The Halifax Rainmen signed six-foot-10 centre Kenneth Cooper yesterday. Cooper played for three NCAA Division I colleges, posting 11.7 points and 7.1 rebounds per game in his best year at Louisiana Tech in 2008-09. He recently played professionally in Portugal. The Rainmen visit Rochester on Saturday at 2:05 p.m. METRO

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FRIDAY'S GAMES

Halifax at Cape Breton, 7 p.m.
Quebec at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Victoriaville at Acadie-Bathurst, 7:30 p.m.
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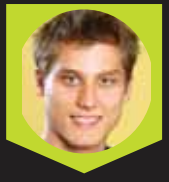
SATURDAY'S GAMES

Rouyn-Noranda at Montreal, 3:05 p.m.
Gatineau at Chicoutimi, 4 p.m.
P.E.I. at Baie-Comeau, 4 p.m.
Val-d'Or at Halifax, 4 p.m.
Victoriaville a Rimouski, 4 p.m.
Shawinigan at Saint-Jean, 7 p.m.

More sports

Kerri Smit
The Saint Mary's Huskies left side was named Atlantic University Sport women's volleyball MVP yesterday. It marks the second such honour for the fourth-year athlete from Shubenacadie.

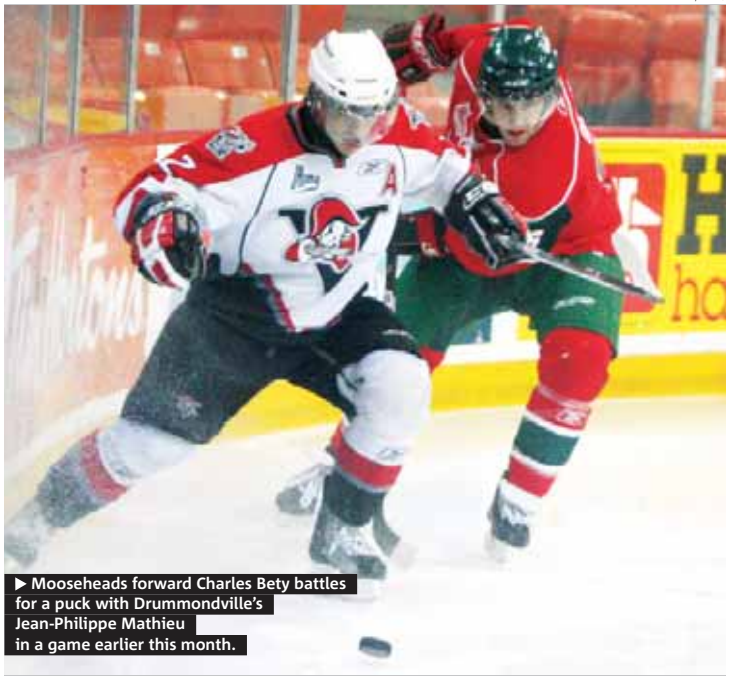




Sander Ratsep
Ratsep was one of three Dalhousie Tigers to crack the Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball all-star team yesterday. Graeme Higgins and Max Burt were the others. METRO

Mooseheads look to solve Cape Breton

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



▶ Mooseheads forward Charles Bety battles for a puck with Drummondville's Jean-Philippe Mathieu in a game earlier this month.

Mooseheads, Screaming Eagles and Foreurs look to clinch final three QMJHL playoff spots

The Halifax Mooseheads are hoping to solve the mystery of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles before the end of the season, but have just three games to do it.

Both teams are tied for 15th overall with 37 points, but the Eagles have assumed full control of the provincial rivalry, holding a 5-0 edge in the eight-game season series heading into Friday's 7 p.m. tilt in Sydney.

Dating back to January 2008, Halifax has lost 21 of 22 matchups against Cape Breton.

"It's important that we play well against them," said Mooseheads head coach Bobby Smith. "I'm expecting a real good effort from our guys and hopefully we'll do better (than we have been)."

"We just have to be a little bit better, get a little bit more opportune goal-scoring and eliminate some mistakes, and I think we'll be alright."
MOOSEHEADS HEAD COACH BOBBY SMITH

The Mooseheads, who also play the Val-d'Or Foreurs on Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Metro Centre, are facing weekend opponents that, like them, have yet to qualify for the playoffs.

They're also mired in a five-game losing streak and will take a win against just about anybody with only 12 games remaining.

As Smith said, "These are important games."

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Deal or no deal, Cards' Pujols ready for season

Despite not reaching a new contract with St. Louis, first baseman 'locked in' Offered a reported $200M US

Albert Pujols drove his big, black pickup truck into the St. Louis Cardinals' spring training camp Thursday morning and pulled into a parking spot reserved for owners.

No one complained.

Deal or no deal, Pujols and the Cardinals are still happy together. For now, anyway.

The three-time MVP arrived for his first formal workout of the 2011 season, which the Cardinals desperately hope will not be his last in St. Louis. He showed up one day after he and the team failed to reach an agreement on a new contract by a deadline Pujols imposed, and insisted that wasn't going to bother him this season.

"I'm more locked in than ever," Pujols said.

A nine-time all-star, Pujols is the only player in major league history to hit 30 or more home runs each of his first 10 seasons — all with the Cardinals, the franchise he's often said he wants to remain with for the rest of his career, a stance he reiterated Thursday.

The Cardinals declined Wednesday to reveal their offer, though it was believed to be somewhere around $200 million US for eight years. Pujols will make $16 million this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Albert Pujols arrived at spring training on Thursday. This season could be his last with the St. Louis Cardinals after he could not agree on a contract extension with the team.

NHL

Heritage Classic gets cold

Mother Nature is treating the NHL's second outdoor game this season much kinder than the first.

Warm, damp conditions forced the league to push the Winter Classic at Pittsburgh's Heinz Field on Jan. 1 from an afternoon to an evening start in an attempt to avoid the rain. The game was rained on anyway.

There will be no such sogginess Sunday in the Tim Horton's NHL Heritage Classic between the Calgary Flames and Montreal Canadiens at McMahon Stadium (CBC, RDS, Versus, pre-game 6 p.m.).

Temperatures in Calgary steadily dropped over the last week to -20 C on Thursday morning, providing the NHL's Dan Craig with the ideal conditions to create two inches of ice on McMahon's field.

A few flurries Thursday night and continuing cold into the weekend was Environment Canada's prediction. But the cold snap is forecasted to end in time for Sunday's game, with temperatures rising to a more spectator-friendly high of -1 C, with clear skies and a light breeze out of the south.

"That's what we want," Craig said.

If the forecast holds, the Heritage Classic in Calgary will feel more comfortable for both spectators and players than the previous one in Edmonton in 2003, when a wind chill of -30 C prompted then-Habs goaltender Jose Theodore to pull a tuque over his helmet.

Frigid temperatures aren't ideal for ice as it can turn brittle, but Craig is combating that in Calgary with a heat line to the ice to keep the base at an even -10 C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cabrera arrested for drunk driving

Detroit Tigers star Miguel Cabrera was arrested late Wednesday on suspicion of drunken driving in Florida, leaving teammates stunned and concerned about the slugging first baseman less than a week into spring training.

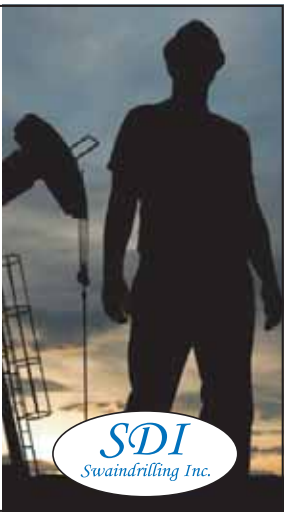
The 27-year-old Cabrera has struggled with drinking-related problems in the past, but he's coming off perhaps his best season. He hit .328 with 38 home runs last year and finished second in the American League MVP vote.

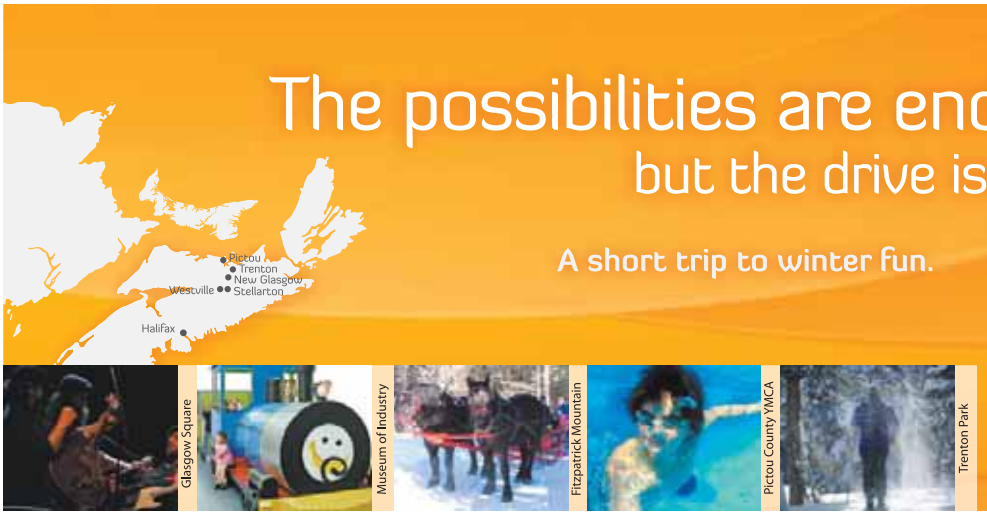
Cabrera was spotted by a deputy in a car with a smoking engine alongside a road in Fort Pierce. Inside the vehicle, Cabrera smelled of alcohol, had slurred speech and took a swig from a bottle of scotch in front of a deputy, according to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office. He refused to co-operate and more deputies were called to the scene. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Past success inspires curlers

Games spotlight turns to curling on Friday ● Semifinals at Mayflower at 10 a.m., bronze game at 2:30 p.m. and gold at 7:30 p.m.



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Emily Dwyer is positioned to follow in her hero's footsteps at the Canada Winter Games.

The Lower Sackville native grew up idolizing two-time world champion Colleen Jones, who skipped Nova Scotia to its best-ever curling finish at the Games when she won silver in Manitoba in 1979.

Dwyer and her teammates, second Katrina MacKinnon, third Amanda Colter and lead Laura Kennedy, will use Jones's success as motivation when they face Alberta in today's 10 a.m. semifinals at the Mayflower Curling Club.

"That was the best Nova Scotia has done in curling, and we're hoping to do just as well as her, or hopefully better, since she's our role model," said Dwyer, who wasn't born until 14 years after Jones's historic showing.

"It was a pretty good starting point for her."

Jones, who was inducted into the Canada Games Hall of Honour last week, has provided plenty of advice to the up-and-coming Mayflower rink.

"I'm very close with Colleen," Dwyer said. "She talks to me and helps me out. She just said to focus on one game at a time, to stay focused, and keep our goals in mind."

Nova Scotia's goal was a top-four finish, and that mission has been accomplished. One more win puts the squad in Friday's 7:30 p.m. gold-medal game.

All four teams in the semifinals have 4-1 records, with British Columbia and Ontario meeting in the other semi, so there is no clear favourite.

Nova Scotia has two medals so far and Dwyer is eager to add to that total before Week 1 comes to a close.

"Nova Scotia's not doing so well for medals, so to have a pretty good chance at one is really exciting for all of Team Nova Scotia," Dwyer said.

Where they rank

Nova Scotia's women's curling finishes at the Canada Games, according to the event's media guide:

- 1979: 2nd
- 1983: 2nd
- 1987: 11th
- 1991: 8th
- 1995: 9th
- 1999: 9th
- 2003: 4th
- 2007: 5th

Trading. Places



▶ Alberta's Jordan Henkelman, New Brunswick's Evan Brideau, Quebec's Benoit Theriault and Ontario's Vincent De Haitre take the first turn Thursday in the short-track speedskating 3,000-metre relay at St. Margaret's Centre. Quebec won the gold while Ontario took silver and New Brunswick earned bronze.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

More Games

Thursday's standouts



COLE MURPHY
Men's hockey
The Cole Harbour native scored Nova Scotia's only goal in a 4-1 loss to Manitoba. He has four goals and two assists in six games.



EMMA STEVENS
Freestyle skiing (moguls)
The Hilden native had another good finish, scoring 13.1 points for an eighth-place finish at Ski Wentworth.



TAYLOR DEMPSEY
Ringette
The Herring Cove native scored twice as Nova Scotia beat British Columbia 5-2 to advance to Friday's fifth-place game.



ELISABETH-ANNE ROY
Short-track speedskating
The Dartmouth native posted Nova Scotia's best short-track result, coming 32nd in the super 1,500 metres.

RINGETTE

Fifth place is best ever for N.S.

Nova Scotia has earned its best-ever ringette finish at the Canada Winter Games.

Taylor Dempsey scored twice and Jenna Blackburn had a goal and two assists Thursday as Nova Scotia beat British Columbia 5-2 at Cole Harbour Place. Brittany Avery and Paige Grandbois also scored.

The win puts Nova Scotia in the fifth-place game against Manitoba Friday at 11:30 a.m., meaning it cannot finish lower than sixth.

Nova Scotia has never finished higher than seventh in ringette, doing so in 1991 and 2003. It also has three eighth-place finishes.



▶ Jenna Blackburn

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Medal standings

	G	S	B	Tot.
PROVINCES				
QUEBEC	22	22	12	56
B.C.	11	10	14	35
ALBERTA	9	7	12	28
ONTARIO	9	8	10	27
SASK.	4	2	3	9
MAN.	1	2	3	6

	G	S	B	Tot.
N.B.	0	1	3	4
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	1	2
N.L.	0	0	2	2
YUKON	1	0	0	1
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Bronze winner feeds off energy of home crowd

- Jared Goad's gold gave Clouter 'boost' to go for medal
- Clouter also places fourth in the high-bar event



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Stephen Clouter hugged his parents yesterday shortly after receiving Nova Scotia's second medal in the parallel bars men's artistic gymnastics individual event finals.

In front of a packed house at the Canada Games Centre, the Lawrencetown native pulled a score of 12.50 to take home the bronze medal.

The 14-year-old said with the help of his fellow Nova Scotians — teammates and spectators — his routine went just as he had hoped.

"It helps so much," said Clouter, referring to the screaming fans. "I was getting ready to compete and then I hear people cheering. It gets you pumped."

Head coach David Kikuchi said Clouter's warm-up was about four hours before he competed, but it didn't slow him down.

"He was able to do everything really well and he stuck his dismount … especially with the long layoff of not doing anything."

Halifax's Evan Cruz also had several strong finishes, including a fourth-place finish on pommel horse.

Kikuchi said overall he couldn't be happier with Team Nova Scotia's performance.

"Everything went better than we hoped for and better than we planned for."

Plenty. Of racket



▶ Alberta's Evelyn Moorhouse faces Quebec's Olivia Tory in a match at Saint Mary's Thursday. Moorhouse beat Tory in their matchup and Alberta went on to beat Quebec 4-0 for the bronze medal. B.C. knocked off Ontario to win the gold.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Chemtob's small frame plays big

Never mind growing up tall and willowy.

Squash player Chloe Chemtob, 13, a member of Quebec's Canada Winter Games contingent, says it's fine to stay little and lightning fast.

"Most of the pros aren't too tall because size limits their movement," says Chemtob, who's just under five feet tall.

"I hope to be short … or medium."

During the competition at Saint Mary's University, the player from Montreal showed flashes of the talent and speed that has her ranked second in the U.S. national rankings for under-15 players.

Her 2010 record includes a third-place finish in the under-15 category of the U.S. Junior Open, second-place in German and Dutch open tournaments for under-13 players, as well as a win in the 2010 Italian Junior Open in the under-15. Chemtob said her goal is to become the top-ranked under-15 player in the world.

During her matches at the Games, Chemtob frequently showed a form that pushed players four years older and six inches taller to the limit.

Chemtob said she prefers playing older, bigger players.

"I don't get nervous. Usually, they're the ones getting nervous because it's kind of a big deal to lose to someone half your size," she said with a slight smile.

While a professional career is possible, Chemtob said she will first play on a college team and then examine her options.

"I'd like to be a doctor, too," she said.

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Events to watch

Weekend highlights



BIATHLON
Ski Martock
The biathlon relay events take place with events at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.



CURLING (WOMEN'S)
Mayflower Curling Club
Nova Scotia faces Alberta in Friday's semifinals at 10 a.m., while the bronze- and gold-medal games are at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.



HOCKEY (MEN'S)
Sportsplex/Metro Centre
Nova Scotia plays New Brunswick for seventh at the Sportsplex on Friday at 11:30 a.m. British Columbia and Quebec play for gold at the Metro Centre at 7:30 p.m.



RINGETTE
Cole Harbour Place
Nova Scotia plays Manitoba for fifth on Friday at 11:30 a.m. It's Ontario and Alberta for gold at 4:30 p.m.



HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)
Metro Centre
Nova Scotia plays P.E.I. on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Metro Centre as one of six women's hockey games on the first day of Week 2.

COMING UP IN WEEK 2
- Alpine skiing
- Archery
- Badminton
- Boxing
- Cross-country skiing
- Curling (men's)
- Figure skating
- Hockey (women's)
- Judo
- Snowboarding
- Synchronized swimming
- Table tennis

Youngest gymnast is one of best

Ten-year-old Shallon Olsen of Surrey, B.C., won a gold medal in floor and a bronze in beam Thursday to go along with a silver she won earlier this week in the team competition.

She placed fifth in the all-around competition.

Olsen stands just four-foot-three and weighs 54 pounds.

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▶ Toronto Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista smiles during a press conference on Thursday. Bautista and the Jays avoided arbitration by agreeing to a five-year, $64-million US deal.

Jays ink Bautista to $64M contract

Slugger rewarded for huge 2010 season Blue Jays lock up 'core building block' with five-year deal

The Toronto Blue Jays locked up Jose Bautista with a $64-million US, five-year extension Thursday, an intriguing contract with a strong element of both risk and reward.

The deal allows the sides to avoid arbitration along with a season full of questions over the 2010 home run king's long-term status while putting in place another franchise cornerstone.

Terms of the deal are $8 million in 2011, with subsequent $14-million salaries in each of 2012-15. The club holds an option of $14 million for the 2016 season.

"This is one of the biggest days of my life — for myself and my family," Bautista told a news conference.

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Amount Jose Bautista was seeking in arbitration. The Blue Jays were offering $7.6 million.

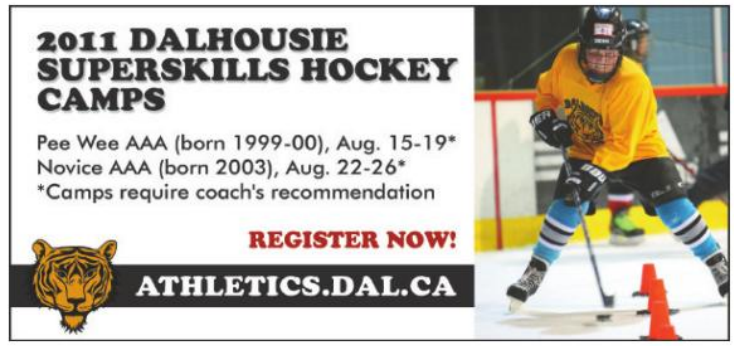
"I'm just really excited and ecstatic to wear the Blue Jays uniform, to play in Canada in front of our fans, and represent also the Dominican Republic and try to win more championships and bring them to the city of Toronto just like they were in the early '90s."

Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos called Bautista, 30, "a core building block going forward for this organization."

The challenge in coming up with a contract for Bautista was gauging what is fair market value for a player who hit a club-record 54 home runs last year, more than tripling his previous career high of 16.

Eligible for free agency in the fall, Bautista needed enough incentive to forgo the open market, while the Blue Jays needed protection in case his production reverts to previous levels.

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Opinion

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SPORTS PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF SAFETY

The casualties are mounting and sport is facing its greatest crisis. How much risk is too much and at what price is "faster, higher, stronger" too dear?

In the space of one year, Nodar Kumaritashvili, the Georgian luger, lost his life at the Olympics. Then Austrian skier Hans Grugger lost control at the famed downhill ski course in Kitzbuhel and spent weeks in a coma. Now, Sidney Crosby, the bread and butter of the NHL, languishes because of post-concussion syndrome. Lindsey Vonn pulled out of the world alpine ski championships, struggling with a concussion.

So what is acceptable in the pursuit of high-performance sport and reckless disregard for the athlete's well being?

"It's the unknown," says Brian Stemmle, who spent 14 years on the Canadian alpine ski team. "Is the athlete going to win or crash and burn? That's why I watch. Risk makes it extremely exciting because you have so much to lose."

Ironically, Stemmle nearly lost his life in a sickening 1989 crash. He was in hospital for three months with a broken pelvis and massive internal injuries. He recovered and competed at three more Olympics. Still, it was a journey that came with a high price.

"My life almost ended because I made a mistake in a place where safety wasn't up to standard," Stemmle recounted. "As a parent I wouldn't want to go through what my parents had to endure."

That's why sport on every level has to protect its assets — its athletes — in order to ensure long-term survival.

Therefore, all competitions must meet safety standards. Intentional hits to the head must be abolished. Those not qualified to compete shouldn't. Officials need to enforce the rules.

"Safety for the athletes needs to be the No. 1 concern," Stemmle says.

"We also need educated people looking out for us. Doctors, coaches, trainers and therapists need to mitigate injuries by taking precautions. You can't let an athlete compete who isn't one hundred per cent (healthy)."

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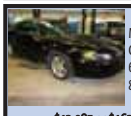
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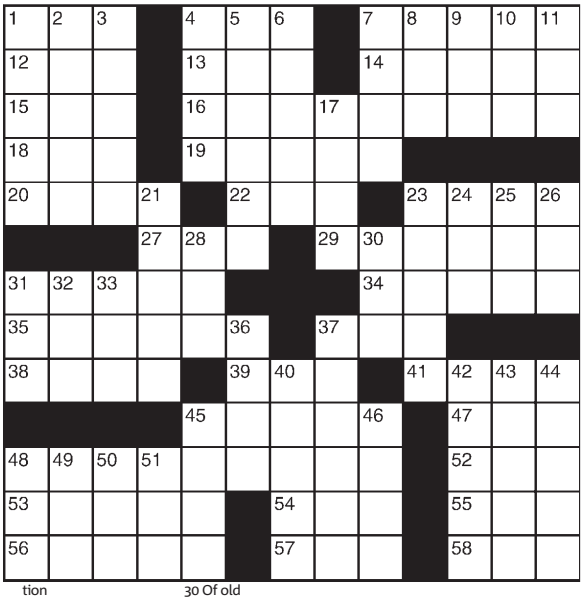
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Across

1 Memorized
4 Round Table address
7 Old hat
12 "... — on forever": Tennyson
13 Praise in verse
14 "American Idol" runner-up Clay
15 Burst
16 "Forget it"
18 Mound stat
19 Steam room
20 Bronx cheer
22 Writer Buscaglia
23 Super-man's alias
27 Golfer Ernie
29 Jaundiced
31 Zero-star movies
34 New Orleans stew
35 Ducks
37 Drunkard
38 Informa-tion
39 Triumphed
41 Region
45 Gulf money
47 Scratch
48 Raven's word
52 Commo-tion
53 Farewell
54 Calendar abbr.
55 Stashed
56 — -over (thorough examination)
57 Med. approver
58 Exist

Down

1 Hamelin musician
2 Old marketplace
3 November birth-stone
4 Half the offspring
5 Standards of perfec-tion
6 Skit show
7 Legal worker, for short
8 Intent
9 Schuss
10 D.C. address
11 Conclusion
17 Grandson of Eve
21 Striped equine
23 Ungraceful one
24 Shade provider
25 San Francisco's — Hill
26 Pair
28 W.W.II craft
30 Of old
31 Awful
32 Eggs
33 Encountered
36 Take to the pool
37 Caught
40 Type of switch
42 Nebraska city
43 Bottom point
44 Wear away
45 Pharmaceutical
46 Singer McEntire
48 Run-down horse
49 Tokyo's old name
50 Leon Uris' "QB —"
51 Still, in verse

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	L	L	■	P	Y	L	E	■	P	U	N	S		
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P	A	T	D	O	W	N	S	■	R	A	N	I		
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H	O	W	■	T	A	B	■	W	I	R	E	S		
I	S	N	T	■	R	U	M	■	P	U	T	T		
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■	■	■	R	E	A	■	N	E	E	D	L	E		
I	M	P	E	A	C	H	■	A	G	O	■	■		
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Sudoku

	8		1			7	5	
7				2		9		6
4				3				
	6	8			2		9	
				7				
	3		9			6	4	
				8				1
1		3		9				5
	7	4			5		6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	4	2	6	7	9	1	3	8
8	6	7	5	3	1	2	4	9
9	3	1	2	4	8	5	6	7
6	7	9	4	8	2	3	1	5
2	8	4	1	5	3	9	7	6
3	1	5	9	6	7	4	8	2
7	9	3	8	1	5	6	2	4
4	5	8	3	2	6	7	9	1
1	2	6	7	9	4	8	5	3

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baby you mean the world to me. your my everything. im so happy that ive gotten to start these 7 months with you and many more to come. i just want you to know that I will be here with you every step of the way my love. i love with with all my life baby ... J.Sindo... **XOXO MITO**



Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Someone you meet on your travels over the next 24 hours will become not only a friend but also a collaborator in some kind of creative project. There is a chemistry between you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The planets indicate that if you have a plan and if you make a serious effort to put that plan into effect there is nothing you cannot accomplish. Self-belief is necessary, too, of course.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The Sun in Aquarius has endowed you with no end of confidence, and you're going to need it over the next few days. Today though, you should take a trip of some kind. You'll think better when on the move.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
There is no point trying to convince yourself that everything is fine when all your senses, including your sixth sense, are telling a different story. Something is bothering you and the time has come to deal with it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 A full moon in your sign will help overcome any embarrassment you might feel at revealing your innermost feelings. Even if you are the kind of Leo who rarely gets emotional, share what's in your heart.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You have begun a lot of new things since the start of the year but how many of them mean much to you? Give it some thought throughout the day.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 This is a good day for getting things done. If you are smart, you will get them done by yourself. There will be a fair amount of tension in the air, so keep your distance if you can.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Sometimes, you can be ultra sensitive to criticism. If you hit back at people whose opinions you don't much like today, there could be a falling out.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You'll have no problem letting others know what you think and feel — the full moon in Leo compels you to speak your mind. Don't forget that words, like actions, have consequences. Think before you open your mouth.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You may or may not come into money over the next 24 hours, but you will certainly be thinking about your finances. Whatever you decide, avoid get-rich-quick schemes.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you focus your energy in a single direction today you might achieve something remarkable. There can be no more doubts and no more wondering if you are making the right move. Don't think — act.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 It's time to get rid of a fear that has no basis in reality. It does not matter what caused it, it matters only that you grow out of it. Start living with purpose. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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